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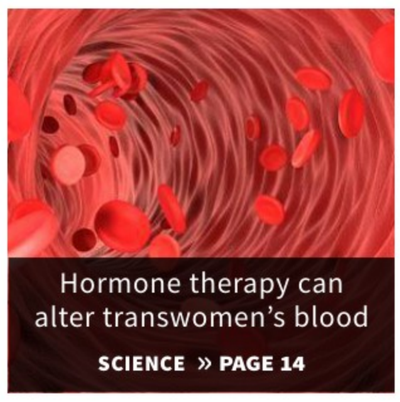

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# Ditwah-driven rain floods south T.N., damages crops

Houses, salt pans inundated in delta and south coastal districts; north-coastal areas on alert for winds up to 80 kmph; nine districts, including Chennai, may get heavy to very heavy rain today

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHENNAI

**Under water:** Salt pans lie submerged in Vedaranyam in Nagapattinam district on Saturday. R. VENGADESH

Torrential downpour triggered by Cyclone Ditwah battered several south coastal and delta districts of Tamil Nadu since Friday night, inundating residential pockets, damaging standing crops and submerging salt pans even as the system continued to inch towards the north Tamil Nadu coast.

The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) forecast that intense downpour would be largely confined to northern Tamil Nadu on Sunday before rainfall and surface winds begin to gradually ease from Monday. North Tamil Nadu, including Chennai, began receiving intermittent spells of rain from Saturday afternoon.

The cyclone moved at a speed of 10 kmph over southwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Sri Lanka, about 350 km south of Chennai, on Saturday evening. The storm will be centred over southwest Bay of Bengal within 50 km from the Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coast by early Sunday morning and move closer to around 25 km by evening.

B. Amudha, head (additional in-charge), RMC, said the cyclone is likely to move parallel to the Tamil Nadu coast till Sunday and lose intensity as a depression from Sunday evening when it reaches close to Chennai. However, landfall is not expected.

North-coastal districts of the State are on alert as strong surface winds, gusting up to 80 kmph, may prevail on Sunday. Nine districts, including Chennai and Krishnagiri, may receive heavy to very heavy showers.

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## Sri Lanka sounds emergency alert as toll rises to 159

COLOMBO
The death toll from the devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka climbed to 159, and 203 people were missing on Saturday, while President Anura Kumara Dissanayake declared a state of emergency to expedite rescue and relief efforts. » PAGE 18

# We'll abide by high command decision, say CM and DKS post breakfast meeting

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

**Brief bonhomie:** Siddaramaiah hosted D.K. Shivakumar at his residence in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

After months of tussle over the Chief Minister's post in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar appear to have reached a temporary truce ahead of the Winter Session of the State legislature in Belagavi from December 8.

After a breakfast meeting at the Chief Minister's residence, 'Cauvery', on Saturday, both Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar jointly held a press conference and once again reiterated that they would abide by the Congress high command's decision on the leadership issue.

They demonstrated unity before the media, and the CM also declared that "there will not be any confusion in the future".

Both discussed the upcoming session of the legislature, the Chief Minister said. "We will face the Opposition effectively."

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## NEARBY

### Pepper farmers expecting sharp decline in output

BENGALURU
Karnataka, the largest pepper producing State in India, has witnessed a sharp yield decline at 44.3% during crop year 2024-25. A similar, or even bigger, output reduction is expected during this year's pepper harvest. » PAGE 8

### 'Smart Lock' rolled out to curb LLR fraud

BENGALURU
The Karnataka Transport Department has rolled out an AI-powered 'Smart Lock' system aimed at ending malpractice and improving transparency in the LLR issuing process. » PAGE 3

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# DGCA orders urgent software upgrade on Airbus A320 aircraft

**Jagriti Chandra**
NEW DELHI

Airlines moved swiftly to implement a software fix on Airbus aircraft in their fleets after India's aviation regulator ordered that planes which had not completed the modification by Sunday morning must be grounded. The order was based on an alert from the aircraft manufacturer.

"This is to be ensured that no person shall operate the product which falls under the applicability of this Mandatory Modification," said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's order, issued early on Saturday. The grounding will kick in from 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, allowing airlines enough time to carry out rectification action in between flights as well as move aircraft from smaller airports to bigger ones where they have a maintenance base.

**Quick resolution**
Upgrade was completed for most aircraft on Saturday

| Airlines | No. of aircraft affected | Upgrade completed on |
|---|---|---|
| IndiGo | 200 | 184 |
| Air India | 113 | 69 |
| Air India Express | 25 | 23 |

*As on 9 p.m. on Saturday

The DGCA order followed an alert from Airbus on Friday evening about a recent event involving an Airbus A320 family aircraft, which had revealed that intense solar radiation can corrupt data critical to the functioning of flight controls.

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## Start work on SWD, tech park told

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

To fix a recurring problem, the Bengaluru North Corporation has given Manyata Tech Park and surrounding companies 10 days to start building a long-delayed storm-water drain meant to stop the repeated flooding.

**Deadline**
A one-month deadline has also been given to the four companies and property owners around the tech park to finish all the pending storm-water drain work meant to stop flooding in the area.

Corporation officials have warned that if the companies fail to carry out the storm-water drain work, the civic body would demolish whatever portions are necessary to restore the waterflow and recover the entire cost from the companies.

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Don't be deceived – Every pack you buy may not be 1 Litre
Be sure to flip the pack and check the weight
Here's the most important point to note – as per the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, the net weight of 1 litre of sunflower oil must be exactly 910 grams. The gross weight, including the pack, should be 918 grams (approx.) depending on the size and gauge of the pack.
As a consumer, be sure to check the net weight printed on the pack (910 g).
Since most packs of various brands look similar in size and shape, it's easy to be misled that all of them contain 1 litre of sunflower oil. But this is not always true. So do not assume the quantity of oil just by the size of the pack!
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**Stitching stories:** Seated on a *charpai* in a courtyard, two elderly women knit an intricately patterned, colourful band, an essential part of their traditional dress worn during weddings and other rituals. NAGARA GOPAL

# Threads of ancestry

The Kaithi Lambadas of Telangana preserve a striking sartorial legacy born from survival in the wild and a migration journey that began in Mathura centuries ago

**Nagara Gopal**
nagara.gopal@thehindu.co.in

A drive through a dense forest stretch lined with aged trees on Telangana's Kamareddy-Banswada two-lane road, about 125 km from the State capital of Hyderabad, leads to a lively community living in small *thandas* (hamlets) in Gandhari *mandal*.

At first glance, visitors are often surprised by the distinctive attire worn by the men and women here – strikingly different from others living in the area. Meet the Kaithi Lambadas, a vegetarian community of animal grazers who sustain themselves through agriculture.

Chadmal *thanda*, the largest habitation in Gandhari *mandal*, was once a hotbed of left-wing extremism and still carries the scars of the violent clashes between the police and armed underground cadres.

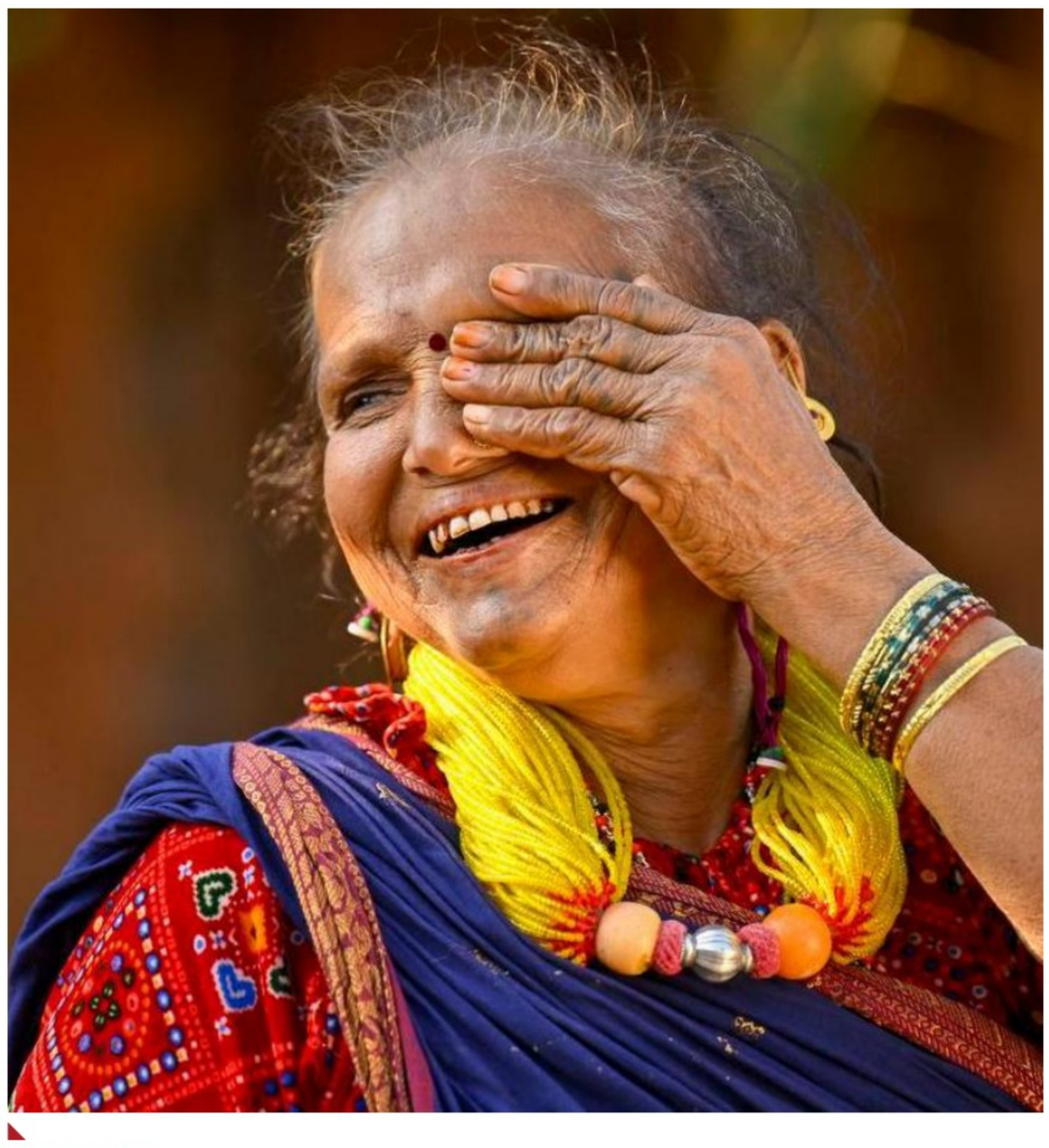
History tells us that Kaithi Lambadas came to this part of Telangana centuries ago from Uttar Pradesh, wandering from Mathura to escape communal violence before finally settling here.

It is believed that two brothers, Lakkimsha and Makkamsha, were the first to migrate to this part of southern India. When asked about their unique costume, the members of the group explain that their ancestors dressed in unusual attire while grazing cattle in the forests to protect themselves from wild animals. This included styling their hair in a knife-shaped crest on top of the head, stitching mirrors onto their clothes, wearing large bangles, and adorning their legs with anklets.

The mirrors and ornaments made them appear larger, deterring animals. They also covered their bodies with artistic tattoos. Men traditionally wore dhotis, shirts and turbans.

In Telangana, especially in the combined Adilabad and Nizamabad districts, there are more than 40,000 Kaithi Lambadas. They revere Lord Krishna and celebrate Krishna Janmashtami with great devotion. On that day, idols of Krishna are crafted, offerings made from cow's milk are presented to the deity, and the celebrations are accompanied by traditional songs and dances.

The Kaithi Lambadas are distinct from other Lambada groups in the State.



**A happy model:** An elderly woman, with tattooed chin and fingers, laughs heartily while showing her heavy earrings, *Ladi*.

**Curious companion:** A woman separates kernels from corncobs while a calf tries to munch on the sweet grains. The tribals revere the cow as a sacred animal.

**Tender bond:** A woman and her husband shares a joyful moment as she helps him don a traditional dress reserved for special occasions.

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**HINDU, 32,** Caste no bar, NRI, VVIP. 8138009235

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**MUDALIAR 30/**160 Remarriage Ayilyam BArch Rich Pondy seek Er, Dr, Business Equal Status Geetham 9884858014

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**CHRISTIAN, 26,** M.Arch, Private, 50 lakhs. 8137003550

**CHRISTIAN, 32,** NRI, VVIP, MS, 50 crores. 8138900316

**CHRISTIAN, 28,** NRI, 20 crores, MNC. 8138900487

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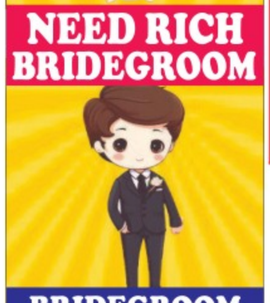

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# Deadline set for Manyata tech park to begin storm-water drain work

Four companies and property owners around the tech park have been asked to finish pending works to prevent flooding

**Rishita Khanna**
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru North Corporation has given Manyata Tech Park and surrounding companies 10 days to start building a long-delayed storm-water drain meant to stop the repeated flooding.

Until this work is completed, the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) has decided not to issue any new building permits to the tech park in key sections or survey areas in Nagavara.

Besides, a one-month deadline has been given to the four companies and property owners around the tech park to finish all the pending storm-water drain work meant to stop flooding in the area.

The directions are part of a report the North Corporation has submitted to the Lokayukta, which had taken up the issue *suo motu* after years of complaints from residents. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### Warning by officials

Officials have warned that if the companies fail to carry out the work, the civic body would demolish whatever portions are necessary to restore the water-flow and recover the entire cost from the companies.

To fix this, the Disaster Management Department has ordered three key drain links to be built, including an additional connection through the internal road network inside the Manyata Tech Park.

**According to officials, the flooding around the tech park is not just due to heavy rain, but is the result of a drain that vanished from the map**

The officials, however, claimed that "rivalry between the companies" has slowed progress, with each group accusing the other, while residents continue to suffer flooding every monsoon.

The officials have proposed a new canal running from the south of the tech park to the north, passing between Manyata and Karle Town Centre before joining the main canal. Measurements were being taken for this, and designs would be finalised accordingly, the officials added. These directions form part of a report the North Corporation has submitted to the Lokayukta, which had taken up the issue *suo motu* after years of complaints from residents.

According to the officials, the flooding around the tech park was not just due to heavy rain, but was the result of a drain that vanished from the map. "Decades ago, a natural storm-water drain carried rainwater from Nagavara and surrounding layouts towards the Hebbal Main Canal. Over time, this land was classified as B kharab (government land not meant for cultivation) and later allotted to private owners. Those allotments covered the very path where the drain once ran. As buildings came up on this land, the drain's route was completely wiped out," an official said.

Since the original channel no longer exists, rainwater has nowhere to go. Inspections by officials from the KIADB, the Revenue Department and the corporation also found that many existing drains around the tech park were blocked, narrowed or ended abruptly. Several stretches that once carried water are now built over, and even average rainfall results in flooding of roads, basements and sections of tech park.

The officials have directed that no construction plan, public or private, can be approved in future without a factual report on nearby lakes, drains and government land. This is to stop drains from being blocked or built over, as happened at the tech park.

# KSCA polls: HC declares Shanth Kumar's nomination valid for president post

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has set aside the decision of the Electoral Officer (EO) rejecting the nomination papers of K.N. Shanth Kumar, director of The Printers (Mysore) Private Ltd., and declared as valid his nomination papers for the post of the president of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA).

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order on Saturday while allowing a petition filed by Mr. Kumar challenging the November 24 decision of the EO. The nomination papers were rejected for the reason that there were arrears of ₹200 from Deccan Herald and Prajavani (DH&PV) Sports Club, which has an institutional membership with the KSCA, represented by Mr. Kumar.

The rejection of the nomination papers of Mr. Kumar had set the stage for the unanimous election of former cricketer Venkatesh Prasad to the president post, as his nomination paper was found valid and the withdrawal of nomination papers by Kalpana Venkatachar, who was the third contestant for the post of president, in support of Mr. Prasad. With today's order, the stage is set to hold the election for the post of president.

K.N. Shanth Kumar

The court said that the remaining process of elections would be conducted as per the calendar of events fixed by the court earlier with the elections scheduled to be held on December 7.

### Background of case

It was contended on behalf of Mr. Kumar that the arrears were paid before the scrutiny of his nomination papers by the EO, as the by-law only stated that founder institutional members cannot contest the elections 'as long as they are in arrears' of payment of the subscription fee of more than ₹100. Since Mr. Kumar's institution, DH&PV Sports Club, had paid the arrears before scrutiny of nomination papers, there was no bar on him to contest the elections, it was contended on his behalf.

Meanwhile, the KSCA's CEO had told the court that a list of members who have defaulted in payment of membership and hence the members could not be informed about arrears in payment towards membership fee before commencement of the election process, as per the by-law, which bars a member from casting a vote in the elections and contest elections pending payment of any arrears.

It was contended on behalf of Mr. Prasad and Ms. Kalpana that the rejection of Mr. Kumar's nomination papers was correct as arrears should have been paid prior to filing of nomination papers.

On a question posed by the court, the EO on November 26 told the court that payment of arrears of ₹200 was paid before the scrutiny of nomination papers of Mr. Kumar, but it was rejected that payment was due when the nomination papers were filed. The court had also viewed the video recording of the process of scrutiny of nomination papers of Mr. Kumar.

## *Traffic woes*

Vehicles being stuck in a traffic jam near Corporation Circle during the ongoing flower show at Cubbon park in Bengaluru on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

# Residents of Electronics City and Anekal submit memorandum seeking repair and asphalting of roads

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The residents around Electronics City and Anekal in the southern outskirts of the city on Saturday submitted a memorandum to the tahsildar demanding repair and asphalting of severely deteriorated roads in the neighbourhood.

Before submitting the petition, more than 250 people walked from Anekal government college ground to the tahsildar office for about 1.5 km to draw attention to the issues.

The residents of Electronics City and nearby areas staging a protest demanding repair and asphalting of damaged roads, at the Anekal Tahsildar office in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

### Demands

1. Asphalt Huskur APMC–Heelalige road via Anantha Nagar, Sampige Nagar
2. Improve road from the APMC market via Singena Agrahara to Muthanallur, Samanahalli, and Sollepura
3. Use 2% APMC cess only for farmers' works
4. Finish pending NH-7 overpass/underpass (Chandapura–Attibele)
5. Complete Chandapura–Iggalur roadwork
6. Stop land acquisition for KIADB, KHB, BDA
7. Hold public grievance meetings
8. Clear waste in Hebbagodi and Bommasandra

### Hardship

The memorandum highlights the poor condition of key roads and the growing hardships faced by thousands of commuters, residents, and farmers. According to the petition, villages and residential lanes under the Hebbagodi City Municipal Council, Bommasandra, and Chandapura Town Municipal Council have sub-par infrastructure. The residents alleged that even the most basic facilities have been neglected. Further, they claimed that most arterial and connecting roads have not been repaired for nearly five years, forcing daily travel on pothole-ridden stretches. Due to dust, commuters were reportedly suffering from respiratory illnesses and other health issues. "Even ambulances get stuck in these roads during emergencies," the memorandum said.

"Farmers are also facing difficulties transporting produce to the APMC fruit market due to poor road conditions," the memorandum added. The residents urged the tahsildar to convene a meeting with officials concerned, conduct inspections, and draw the attention of the government to the urgent need for action.

### Deadline

They gave a two-month deadline to address their grievances, failing which the residents warned that they would hold a large-scale protest.

# IIIT-B builds tool to spot manufacturing flaws instantly

**Rishita Khanna**
BENGALURU

Imagine if a factory could check every product on its assembly line by only comparing it to one perfect photograph without training, huge datasets, and expensive Artificial Intelligence (AI).

A team at the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B) has built a computer-vision tool that can catch even hairline scratches, dents and tiny alignment mistakes using a single reference image. The system was also showcased at the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025.

The team comprising Jyotsna Bapat, Sasirekha G.V.K and H. Sanjeev from Integrated MTech built this for factories that struggle with one recurring problem: inconsistent human inspection and expensive AI-based inspection.

This tool starts with a 'golden reference image' - a high-quality photo of what a perfect product looks like. Every new product on the line is compared to this one image. Before comparison, the system adjusts each new product to match the reference exactly, using a technique called ECC alignment. In simple terms, it 'lines up' the new photo with the perfect one until every pixel falls into place. It can correct small rotations or tilts automatically, so factories don't need precision fixtures or robotic arms. The IIIT-B team wanted something simple- a tool that workers could understand, that runs on a basic computer, and that does not break when lighting changes.

Researchers at IIIT-Bangalore have developed a computer-vision system that can spot flaws automatically on factory lines by comparing each product with a single perfect reference sample. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**It can be done only with a perfect reference image and without the help of huge datasets and AI**

### Easy interpretation

Their biggest challenges included stabilising the ECC alignment for noisy textures, designing a noise mask that works on reflective surfaces, and ensuring that the final output was easy for factory staff to interpret.

While aligning, the system also learns the camera's natural behaviour, its grain, its tiny vibrations, its sensor noise, and how reflections look on that surface. This becomes a baseline noise mask, which tells the software what is normal for the camera and what is an actual defect. This is crucial because low-cost cameras often produce false alarms when light shifts slightly or when metal surfaces reflect differently. The baseline mask filters such issues.

Once alignment is done, the system enhances brightness using CLAHE (a method that evens out lighting), subtracts one image from the other pixel by pixel, checks how structurally similar they are, and then highlights only the differences that matter. These differences are shown as a colour-coded defect map, making it easy for even non-technical factory staff to understand where the flaw is.

Because of this careful filtering, the tool can pick up defects as small as a few pixels, even those that the human eye might miss. It works on flat parts, slightly curved surfaces, metals, reflective or semi-reflective materials, and parts that shift slightly on conveyor belts.

Factories can detect multiple defect types at once including scratches, dents, foreign particles, texture irregularities, shape mismatches or rotation errors. The tool has been tested on different categories of products under different lighting conditions. According to the team, it consistently achieves up to 98% accuracy with low false positives and processes each image in under 13 seconds on a regular CPU. No GPU is required, and no AI retraining is ever needed. The strictness can be adjusted depending on how sensitive a factory wants the detection to be, helping avoid unnecessary rejection of good items.

The tool, they believe, can help industries reduce inspection time, cut down wastage, and make quality control more predictable.

It also brings advanced automation within reach for small and medium industries that often cannot afford deep-learning-based inspection systems.

# Walkaluru: Thanisandra stretch reports zero garbage spots

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A seven-km stretch of footpath in Thanisandra has emerged as one of the best-rated pedestrian routes under the Project Walkaluru, with citizens calling it the cleanest and most obstacle-free walkway surveyed so far.

The fifth walk under the initiative was held on Saturday, drawing over 100 participants, including residents, civic officials, and staff of the North Corporation. Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar flagged off the walk and covered the entire route with citizens, inspecting footpath conditions along the way.

The walk covered the stretch from Indira Canteen to Bellahalli Cross, and further up to Hegde Nagar Junction. An obstruction audit was conducted for every kilometre. The team found zero garbage spots, open urination spots, two-wheeler parking blocks, construction debris, two vendor encroachments, and a car parking block. Across the entire stretch, fewer than seven obstructions were recorded, which officials described as a remarkable improvement.

### Black spots removed

Meanwhile, a large-scale cleaning drive was carried out across all six assembly constituencies under the Central Corporation on Saturday, with 538 civic workers deployed from 6 a.m. onwards. The drive covered 17.3 km, and clearing 52 loads of waste. Officials also removed 19 black spots and 14 pedestrian encroachments identified along major roads.

**Modern shift:** The *khait* hairstyle, tied up to resemble a knife, is a distinctive feature of Kaithi Lambada women. Once meant to scare wild animals, it is now being abandoned by younger generations for being time-consuming and causing hair loss. NAGARA GOPAL

**Close-knit community:** Two women, one sporting the traditional *khait* hairstyle, spend quality time together, combing and styling their hair, in Chatmal Tanda of Nizamabad district.

**Rustic rhythm:** An elderly woman dries grains in the sun.

**Safety gear:** The Lambadas say the traditional *wankidi* anklets, thick, red-and-golden, are worn by women to keep wild animals away while tending cattle.

**Preserving flavours:** In their mud home in Chatmal Tanda, Nizamabad, two women prepare pickles.

# Transport Dept. rolls out AI-powered 'Smart Lock' to curb LLR fraud

It uses artificial intelligence, facial recognition, and behavioural monitoring to ensure that only genuine applicants take the test; meanwhile, some applicants have raised concerns about glitches

**Darshan Devaiah B.P.**
BENGALURU

Amid rising complaints that large numbers of applicants are obtaining Learner's Licence Registrations (LLRs) without appearing for the mandatory online test, the Karnataka Transport Department has rolled out an AI-powered 'Smart Lock' system aimed at ending malpractice and improving transparency in the licensing process.

Officials said the new mechanism developed by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has been integrated into the Sarathi Parivahan Seva portal as an additional security layer. It uses artificial intelligence, facial recognition, and behavioural monitoring to ensure that only genuine applicants take the test.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, a senior Transport Department official said, "There have been widespread complaints that driving schools and middlemen are facilitating LLRs for applicants who do not take the test. The Smart Lock system is intended to eliminate this practice completely." Across the State, the officials admit that owners of cyber centres, driving schools, and middlemen often arrange for substitute candidates to write the online test on behalf of applicants.

**At a glance**

- AI tool added to the Sarathi portal to curb LLR fraud
- Developed by MoRTH with facial and movement detection
- Only two LLR applications are allowed per IP address
- Monitors webcam and audio to stop impersonation

**How it works**

The new system makes the entire LLR and driving licence application process fully digital.

Applicants must now fill their forms, upload documents, and pay fees online. Critically, the platform restricts applications from a single IP address to a maximum of two LLRs. Any attempt to submit a third application from the same IP is automatically rejected. "This IP-based limit is crucial. Driving schools and cyber centres were submitting hundreds of applications from the same location. Smart Lock blocks this possibility," an official explained.

Once the form is submitted, the online test begins under AI surveillance. Applicants must sit in front of a computer, laptop or mobile screen while the system captures their photograph and tracks their movements, head position, hand activity, eye direction, and surrounding audio.

"A set of questions appears after the photo verification. Each must be answered within 30 seconds. The moment the software detects that someone else is writing the test or guiding the applicant from the background, the test is cancelled," an official explained.

The system continuously monitors the webcam, microphone and movements in real time. If the applicant looks away from the screen, tries to receive prompts, or if another person comes into frame, the candidate is immediately marked as failed. However, some applicants have raised concerns about technical glitches in the new system. Naveen K., a resident of Jayanagar who recently attempted to apply for an LLR under the Smart Lock mechanism, said, "The system supports only Windows 10 or higher on desktops and has very restricted functionality on Android devices. In my case, the software either wouldn't install or gets crashed during the face-authentication step."

He said the AI tool also struggled to match his live image with the photograph linked to his Aadhaar, causing repeated authentication failures. "Once the authentication fails, the test session closes automatically," Mr. Naveen added.

Responding to these complaints, a Transport Department official said, "We have asked our officials in the RTOs to submit detailed reports on the technical and procedural challenges faced. After assessing the situation, we have forwarded our findings to higher authorities for further review and the action will be taken to rectify the issues soon."

# Prestige Falcon City apartment directed to disinfect all its water sources

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Amid backlash from the residents of the Prestige Falcon City apartment complex, the South City Corporation has issued a notice to the management, directing it to thoroughly clean and disinfect all water sources, storage sumps, and tanks, and ensure that water quality was maintained as per the World Health Organisation (WHO) standards.

**Illness reported**

A resident of south Bengaluru reported cases of gastroenteritis illness in the Falcon City residential complex on November 12, after which senior officials of the Health Department, along with a team of 20 staff members, visited the premises and conducted an inspection.

"It was found that between October 6 and November 11, the Apollo Clinic located within the residential complex had been treating three to four gastroenteritis cases daily," the corporation said in a statement.

"Conducted first-aid and medical outreach camps for the next ten days, providing health education and preventive information to the residents," it added.

Around 177 residents received treatment at local and nearby hospitals. The water supply systems were thoroughly inspected, and water samples were collected from the main water source, storage sumps, overhead tanks, and individual flats and sent for analysis, said the corporation.

An eight-year-old boy, a resident of the apartment located off Kanakapura Road, died on November 27, three days after being admitted due to prolonged diarrhoea. But later the corporation clarified that the death was due to Nephrotic Syndrome.

The corporation has also directed residents to be instructed not to conduct any gatherings or events within the residential complex until further orders.

# Businessman charged after wife whom he had injected with mercury succumbs

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Attibele police have arrested a city-based businessman for allegedly killing his wife by injecting mercury into her body ten months ago.

The victim, Vidya M., who had been undergoing treatment for severe organ failure, died at Victoria Hospital on Tuesday, prompting the police to alter the charges to dowry death.

**Denial**

According to police, the accused, Basavaraju, 45, claimed during interrogation that Vidya was 'mentally ill' and that the couple often quarrelled. He denied administering any injection. However, based on a video statement recorded from Vidya before her death, Basavaraju was arrested and remanded in judicial custody on Friday. Investigators are waiting for the final post-mortem and FSL toxicology reports to confirm mercury levels. Vidya and Basavaraju were married for five years. She is survived by a four-year-old son. The couple had met through a matrimony site. Basavaraju ran an automobile shop on Sarjapur Road.

**The victim has alleged that her husband routinely locked her inside their home and body-shamed her after childbirth**

In her recorded statement, Vidya alleged that her husband routinely locked her inside their home and body-shamed her after childbirth. She further claimed that on the night of February 26, Basavaraju injected her in the right thigh while she was asleep. She woke up the next evening with severe pain. Vidya sought treatment at the Attibele Government Hospital on March 7, after which she was shifted to a private facility. Tests allegedly revealed mercury in her body, leading to rapid deterioration of her health.

Her kidneys were severely damaged, and she had been on dialysis since March. She was later moved to Victoria Hospital as her condition worsened.

Based on her medico-legal statement, the Attibele police initially booked Basavaraju and his father, Mariswamychar, under Sections 85 and 109(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for cruelty and attempted murder.

After Vidya's death, Section 80 (dowry death) was invoked. Basavaraju has been arrested, while his father was under investigation.

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# BMTC to operate new fleet of 7 AC Vajra buses

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has announced the introduction of a new fleet of seven air-conditioned Vajra buses on route number V NICE-10, operating on the Madavara-Magadi Road-Mysuru Road-Bannerghatta Road-NICE Road-Electronics City, from December 1.

The corporation announced the introduction of NICE Road Vajra Monthly Pass to enhance the convenience of commuters travelling regularly via NICE Road. The pass will cost ₹3,400. The holders of the NICE Road Vajra Monthly Pass are permitted unlimited travel during the validity period on NICE Road Vajra services, Vajra (AC) services, Vajra and ordinary Vayu Vajra feeder services, NICE Road ordinary services, all ordinary services (excluding special services).

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Proceedings of the Returning Officer / District Collector, The New India Assurance Employees' Co-operative Thrift & Credit Society Limited, Chennai.
**Present: Tmt. Rashmi Siddharth Zagade, I.A.S.,**
**Proc. No. P2/1630500/2025, Dated. 28.11.2025.**

Sub: MSCS Elections - The New India Assurance Employees' Co-op Thrift and Credit Society, Chennai Elections - Suspension of Election until further orders - Regarding.
Read: 1. CEA Order No. 12011/287/2025, Dated. 11.07.2025.
2. CEA Letter No. 12011/287/2025, Dated. 27.11.2025.
3. Representation received from Joint Forum of Employees' Trade Union, Dated. 27.11.2025.

**Order**

In the order 1st read above, it was ordered to conduct Election of the New India Assurance Employees' Co-op. Thrift and Credit Society Ltd., Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 03.12.2025. However, due to administrative reasons the elections to the above society **is suspended until further orders.**

// By Order //
Sd/- xxxxxx,
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# 746 students receive degrees

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

In the 33rd annual convocation of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Bengaluru campus on Saturday, 746 students were awarded degrees, 12 students received their PhD, and three students were honoured with Dr. TMA Pai Gold Medal for their exceptional academic achievements.

Lt. Gen. M.D. Venkatesh (retd), VSM , Vice-Chancellor of MAHE, Pro-Chancellor H.S. Ballal, and others were present.

**Timings**
**BENGALURU**

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| **SUNDAY, NOV. 30** | |
| RISE 06:25 | SET 17:51 |
| RISE 13:52 | SET 01:31 |
| **MONDAY, DEC. 01** | |
| RISE 06:26 | SET 17:51 |
| RISE 14:34 | SET 02:24 |
| **TUESDAY, DEC. 02** | |
| RISE 06:26 | SET 17:52 |
| RISE 15:21 | SET 03:22 |

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**22°C** Intermittent spells of heavy to very heavy rain and thundershower with strong winds and moderate lightning to occur.

**Bengaluru Tomorrow**
**23°C** The weather will be pleasant. Few spells of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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# Man found dead

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A 32-year-old hotel employee, identified as Tilak Kumar from Himachal Pradesh, was found dead under a roadside tree with his throat slit in J.P. Nagar 1st Phase recently.

On finding the body, local residents informed police. A police team rushed to the spot and conducted a preliminary inspection. The Scene of Crime Officers examined the body and the surrounding areas.

Based on the nature of injuries, the police initially registered a case of suspected murder. However, a probe revealed that the deceased himself purchased a knife from a nearby shop shortly before his death.

The police have now registered a case of suspicious death and were waiting for the post-mortem report for further investigation.

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ಮಾನ್ಯ ಹೊಸ ಮತ್ತು ನವೀಕರಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ಇಂಧನ ಹಾಗೂ ಗ್ರಾಹಕ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ, ಆಹಾರ ಮತ್ತು ಪಡಿತರ ವಿತರಣೆ, ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸಚಿವರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ಪ್ರಲ್ಹಾದ ಜೋಶಿ** ಯವರು ಸೌರ ಘಟಕವನ್ನು ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು.

ನಮ್ಮ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯಮಯ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಂಪರೆಯನ್ನು ಗೌರವಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಪಾಡುವುದು" ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬ ಭಾರತೀಯನ ಸಂವಿಧಾನಬದ್ಧ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ

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ಗೌರವ್ ಗುಪ್ತ, ಭಾ.ಆ.ಸೇ. ಅಪರ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಇಂಧನ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪಯ್ಯ ಕೆಡಲ್, ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

# KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

**Revenue Department, M. S. Building, Bengaluru**

**No: E-RD 186 GRC 2025** **Date:12.11.2025**

## NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon considering the report of the Police Inspector, Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Central Crime Branch, Economic Offences Wing, Bengaluru City and after due investigation of the complaints of depositors it has come to the notice of the Government, that the Akshaya Fortune Developers, Bengaluru is involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and thereby have failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that Akshaya Fortune Developers, Bengaluru and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and there by deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of Akshaya Fortune Developers, Bengaluru and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of the Akshaya Fortune Developers, Bengaluru.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Police Inspector, Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Central Crime Branch, Economic Offences Wing, Bengaluru City and Investigation officer for Akshaya Fortune Developers, Bengaluru Fraudulent case and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

**"ORDER"**

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section (3) of the Karnataka Protection of interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable properties believed to belong to Akshaya Fortune Developers, Bengaluru.

Therefore, the Government hereby attaches the movable and immovable properties as specified in the Annexure-1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to this order believed to have been acquired by the Akshaya Fortune Developers, Bengaluru either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the Akshaya Fortune Developers, Bengaluru, and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishment, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishment is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid movable and immovable properties from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forth with vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

**By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka**
**Sd/-**
**(Anwar Basha)**
**Deputy Secretary to Government,**
**Revenue Department**
**(Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)**

**Annexure-1**

| ಕ್ರ ಸಂ. | ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರ (ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ) | ದಾಖಲೆಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮಾಲಿಕ | ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ವಿವರ | ಖರೀದಿ ದರ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) | ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) | ಷರಾ |
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| 1 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–108, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ :–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.4837 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ. ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:– ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 135, ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 107 ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 109 | ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರಾಧಿಕಾ. ಆರ್ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರಾಧಿಕಾ ಆರ್ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-07219-2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:23.11.2023 | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. *** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 2 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–74, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ :–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.4837 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ. ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:– ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 101, ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 73. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 75. | ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬಿಂಧುಶ್ರೀ. ಬಿ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬಿಂದುಶ್ರೀ. ಬಿ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-07216 -2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:27.11.2023 . | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. *** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 3 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–107, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ :–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.4837 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ. ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:– ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 136. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 106, ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 108. | ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಗಿರಿಜ.ಕೆ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಗಿರಿಜ.ಕೆ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-07220 -2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:23.11.2023 . | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. *** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 4 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–77, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ :–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.48 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ. ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:– ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 98. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 76. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 78. | ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಎಸ್ ಹಾಗೂ ರಹಮತ್ತುಲ್ಲಾ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ ಎಸ್ ಹಾಗೂ ರಹಮತ್ತುಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-06638 -2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:07.11.2023 | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. *** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 5 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–106, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ :–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.48 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ. ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:– ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 137. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 105. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 107. | ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮಂಜುಳಾ ಕೆ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮಂಜುಳಾ.ಕೆ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-07221-2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:23.11.2023 | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. *** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 6 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–79, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ :–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.48 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ. ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:– ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 96. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 78. ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 80. | ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಗಾಯಿತ್ರಿ ಕೆ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಮಂಜುಳಾ.ಕೆ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-06640 -2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.11.2023 | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. *** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 7 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–71, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ. ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ :–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=148.64 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ. ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:– ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿಗಳ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 104. ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ಅಗಲದ ರಸ್ತೆ ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 72. | ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎನ್ ರಮೇಶ್ ಬಾಬು ಹಾಗೂ ಶೋಭ.ಎಸ್ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎನ್ ರಮೇಶ್ ಬಾಬು ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:

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| | | | | | | ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>*** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 9 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–75, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.<br>ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ:–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.48 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ.<br>ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–<br>ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿಗಳ ರಸ್ತೆ,<br>ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 100.<br>ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 74.<br>ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 76. | ಶ್ರೀ ಮೋಹನ್.ಸಿ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ಮೋಹನ್.ಸಿ<br><br>ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೆಂದ್ರ<br><br>ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-06351-2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:26.10.2023 | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನ್ಯೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>*** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 10 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–25, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.<br>ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ:–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.4837 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ.<br>ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–<br>ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 24.,<br>ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 26.<br>ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: 12 ಮೀಟರ್‌ಣಟಿಜಜಜಿಟಿಜಜ ರಸ್ತೆ,<br>ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 28. | ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಮೂರ್ತಿ.ಕೆ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ಶಿವಮೂರ್ತಿ.ಕೆ<br><br>ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೆಂದ್ರ<br><br>ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-09949-2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ:07.02.2024. | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನ್ಯೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>*** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 11 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–24, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.<br>ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ:–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.4837 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ.<br>ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–<br>ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 23.,<br>ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 25.<br>ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: 12 ಮೀಟರ್‌ಣಟಿಜಜಜಿಟಿಜಜ ರಸ್ತೆ,<br>ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 29. | ಶ್ರೀ ಮುರುಳೀಧರ.ಬಿ.ಎಸ್ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ಮುರುಳೀಧರ.ಬಿ.ಎಸ್<br><br>ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೆಂದ್ರ<br><br>ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-09951 -2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ:07.02.2024. | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನ್ಯೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>*** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 12 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–81, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.<br>ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ:–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.48 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ.<br>ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–<br>ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ,<br>ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 94.<br>ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 80.<br>ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 82. | ಶ್ರೀ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಎಂ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ವೆಂಕಟೇಶ್ ಎಂ<br><br>ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೆಂದ್ರ ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-07223 -2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:23.11.2023. | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನ್ಯೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.*** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 13 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–100, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.<br>ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ:–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.48 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ.<br>ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–<br>ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 75.,<br>ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ,<br>ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 101.<br>ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 99. | ಶ್ರೀ ಕೀರ್ತಿರಾಜ್ ವಿ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ಕೀರ್ತಿರಾಜ್ ವಿ<br><br>ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೆಂದ್ರ<br><br>ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-06642 -2024-25, ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.11.2023. | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನ್ಯೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. |
| 14 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–101, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.<br>ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ:–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.48 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ.<br>ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–<br>ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 74.<br>ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ,<br>ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 102.<br>ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 100. | ಶ್ರೀ ಕೀರ್ತಿರಾಜ್ ವಿ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ಕೀರ್ತಿರಾಜ್ ವಿ<br><br>ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೆಂದ್ರ<br><br>ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-06649 -2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:09.11.2023. | 8,40,000/– | *** | ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>*** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |
| 15 | ಸೈಟ್ ನಂ–80, ಗುರುಕೃಪಾ ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ಮಂಜಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ, ವೇಮಗಲ್ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕುರುಗಲ್ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯ್ತಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ, ವಾಡರ್ ನಂ–2, ಕೋಲಾರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.<br>ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ:–ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮವಾಗಿ 12.192 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು, ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣವಾಗಿ 9.144 ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು=111.4837 ಚದರ ಮೀಟರ್ ಗಳ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನ.<br>ಚೆಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ:–<br>ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: 30 ಅಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ,<br>ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 95.<br>ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ, 79.<br>ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 81. | ಶ್ರೀ ದಂಡೇಗೌಡ | ಖರೀದಿದಾರರು:– ಶ್ರೀ ದಂಡೇಗೌಡ<br>ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು:– ಭಾಸ್ಕರ್.ಎ, ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಅಶ್ವತ್ಥಮ್ಮ, ಪಿ.ಓ ವಿಜಯರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಶಾಮರಾಜ್, ರಾಜೆಂದ್ರ<br><br>ಕೋಲಾರ ಉಪ ನೋಂದಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:– KLR-1-07391 -2023-24, ದಿನಾಂಕ:01.12.2023. | 8,40,000/– | *** | ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಆರೋಪಿ–1 ಮುನಿರಾಜು ರವರು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ದಾರರು ನೀಡಿದ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನ್ಯೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಇಂತಿಷ್ಟು ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ವಾಪಸ್ ಮಾಸಿಕ ಕಂತುಗಳ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡುವುದಾಗಿ ನಂಬಿಸಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಖಾಲಿ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೂಲ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವುದು ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ತನಿಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿದುಬಂದಿದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.<br>ತದನಂತರ ಸದರಿ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮಾಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇತರೆ ಹೂಡಿಕೆದಾರರ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವುದು ತನಿಖೆಯಿಂದ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಪ್ರಕರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ್ದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ವರದಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.*** ಮಾರು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರವನ್ನು ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಮಾಪಕರಿಂದ, ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. |

**Annexure -2**

| SL No | Name and Address Of Account Holder | Name of the Bank and its Branch | Account Number | Amount Available in Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Akshaya Fortune Developers | HDFC BANK, KASTURINAGAR | 99996366605889 | 767/- |
| 2 | MuniraJa G V | EQUITAS SAMLL FINACE BANK | 100048809749 | 6278/- |
| 3 | MuniraJa G V | EQUITAS SAMLL FINACE BANK | 200300103209 | 941/- |
| 4 | Akshaya Fortune Developers | EQUITAS SAMLL FINACE BANK | 206366605889 | 21,88,857/- |
| 5 | Muniraju G V | KOTAK MAHINDRA BANGARPET , MASID ROAD BRANCH | 7012251215 | 34/- |
| 6 | Varalakshmi C | HDFC, Kasturinagara Branch | 99999972696059 | 2553/- |
| 7 | Lakshmamma | CANNARA BANK, BANGARPET | 4455101001110 | 3,376/- |
| 8 | Shivakumar | Canara Bank,Bangarapete Branch. | 110048194512 | 1,448/- |
| 9 | Akshaya Fortune Developers | Axis Bank, Prakash nagar, Kadapa District, Andra Pradesh State. | 923020049659669 | 4822/- |
| 10 | Muniraju G V | Axis Bank, Bangarapete Kolara | 921010022607008 | 2,112.9 |
| 11 | Muniraju G V | Axis Bank, Kasturi Nagar, Bengaluru | 923040100154827 | 10288/- |
| 12 | Muniraju G V | HDFC Bank, Bangarapete Branch | 50200058917241 | 96/- |
| 13 | Muniraju G V | HDFC Bank, Bangarapete Branch | 20500058917241 | 2023.46/- |
| | | | **Total in Rupees:** | **22,23,956/-** |

**Annexure -3**

**Details of seized gold Ornaments**

| Sl. No | PF No | Details of Ornaments | Present Market Value (In Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 39/2024 | 5 grams one gold Coin | 55,000/- |
| 2 | 44/2024 | 2 Grams 3Gold Coins & 1 Grams 1 Gold Coin (total 7 Grams) | 77,000/- |
| 3 | 45/2024 | 5 Grams one Gold Coin & 2 Grams one Gold Coin (Total 7 Grams) | 77

# Leopard shot dead in Chikkamagaluru

**The Hindu Bureau**
SHIVAMOGGA

**The Forest Dept. launched an operation to capture the leopard after it killed Sanvi, 5, near Mundre in Tarikere taluk on Nov. 20**

An eight-year-old leopard died as Forest Department officials opened fire to protect the staff members engaged in rescue operations at Byrapura near Tarikere in Chikkamagaluru on Friday.

The leopard that died due to a gunshot was responsible for the death of a five-year-old girl, besides attacking two more people in the region, according to the officers.

The department staff member shot at the leopard as the animal attempted to attack the veterinarian engaged to tranquilise it.

The Forest Department launched an operation to capture the leopard after it killed Sanvi, 5, the daughter of a couple working at an areca plantation near Mundre in Tarikere taluk on November 20.

The department had placed cages in many places to capture the animal. But the animal attacked Rajashekharappa, a resident of Nandi village, on November 23. Then, on November 28, it attacked 10-year-old Harish near Byrapura. The injured boy has been admitted to McGann Hospital in Shivamogga for treatment.

The local people had noticed the animal's movement close to human habitats. The people spread over 8 to 10 km around Byrapura were in fear. In light of these developments, the officials wrote to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests seeking permission to capture the animal live or dead and got the permission.

**Preparations**

Bhadravathi DCF B.M. Ravindra Kumar said that the preparations were made to capture the animal on Friday. Three trained elephants were brought in from Sakrebailu elephant camp near Shivamogga and veterinarians were called in from Mangaluru, Bandipur, Bannerghatta and Tyavarekoppa Zoo in Shivamogga. Besides that, the leopard task force of Mysuru and the members of the elephant task force in Chikkamagaluru joined the efforts.

The staff members spotted the leopard amidst shrubs near Byrapura. Dr. Yashaswi, a veterinarian from Mangaluru, was prepared to fire a tranquilizer dart to sedate the animal. However, the animal ran out of the shrub towards the staff members, forcing the staff to open fire to protect the department staff. Later, the carcass was found at a distance from the place where it was shot.

Mr. Ravindra Kumar said that the post-mortem and other procedures would be conducted as per the guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority.

# High school teachers to be promoted as PU lecturers through eligibility test

Teachers, however, have objected to the test, calling the move unscientific; they say it will be sufficient if they are given departmental training after the promotion

**Jayanth R.**
BENGALURU

The State government has decided to conduct an eligibility test for 100 marks with descriptive questions; 80% of the questions will be on first and second PU subjects, while 20% in the postgraduate subjects. FILE PHOTO

After 14 years, the State government has taken steps to promote eligible government high school assistant teachers to the post of lecturers in government Pre-University (PU) colleges through an eligibility test.

As per the Cadre and Recruitment Rules of the Pre-University Education, 75% of the lecturers in government PU colleges are recruited directly through competitive examinations. The remaining 25% of the lecturer posts are filled by promoting government high school teachers. In 2011, the State government promoted high school teachers to the post of PU college lecturers.

The high school assistant teachers who are eligible for promotion should have a BEd educational qualification along with a postgraduate degree and should have secured 50% marks in their postgraduate degree in the teaching subject or 50% in their postgraduate degree in any optional subject studied at the graduation level.

They should have also completed at least 10 years of service. If a teacher who has completed 10 years of service is not available, a teacher who has seven years of service would be considered for promotion.

**Mandatory**

The State government has decided to conduct an eligibility test for 100 marks with descriptive questions. 80% of the questions will be asked in first and second PU subjects, while 20% in the postgraduate subjects.

Teachers who score at least 50% of marks will be eligible for promotion to the post of lecturer. Till now, the government has been directly promoting qualified teachers on the basis of their educational qualifications and seniority to the post of lecturer. However, the high school assistant teachers have objected to the eligibility test, a first in the State. "Why is an eligibility test that is not applicable for promotion in any other government department being imposed only on high school teachers?" a teacher questioned.

"It is unscientific to propose an eligibility test for the promotion of PU lecturers. Most of the high school teachers eligible for promotion have 10 to 20 years of experience, and it would be sufficient if they were given departmental training after promotion," another teacher said. The Karnataka Government Pre-University College Lecturers' Association, on the other hand, has welcomed the government's decision.

A.H. Ninge Gowda, president of the association, said, "All government recruitments are done through competitive examinations. Teaching at the PU level requires good quality lecturers. For the sake of quality education, the government's decision to conduct an eligibility test is a good one."

BMTC conductor Jayamma who cleared the Karnataka State Eligibility Test for the post of assistant professor. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# BMTC conductor and BSWML marshal among qualifiers in KSET

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A conductor of Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and a marshal working with the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd. (BSWML) were among those who got eligibility in the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET-2025) for the post of assistant professor.

Jayamma, the BMTC conductor, and K.B. Aravind, a marshal with the BSWML, cleared the KSET in Kannada, and the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) distributed the certificate on Saturday.

**Conductor job**

Mr. Aravind hails from Huliyurdurga of Tumakuru district, while Ms. Jayamma is from Bengaluru. Ms. Jayamma said, "I got a conductor job from the exam conducted by KEA earlier, and now I have cleared KSET. It is all because of the transparency maintained by KEA in conducting exams. Hope I will soon be appointed as assistant professor".

> As I completed postgraduation in Kannada, I started preparing for KSET while working as a marshal. It is my dream to become a college professor
>
> **K.B. ARAVIND**
> a marshal with the BSWML

Sharing his experience, Mr. Aravind said. "As I completed postgraduation in Kannada, I started preparing for KSET while working as a marshal. It is my dream to become a college professor".

The KEA conducted the KSET-2025 written test on November 2 this year and announced the results on November 15. It also started the process of verifying the documents and issuing certificates from Saturday.

# Tiger sighted on BEML campus in Mysuru?

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

There are complaints of a tiger's presence on the BEML campus here and the Forest Department has installed camera traps to ascertain the veracity of the claims. Senior officials in the Forest Department said that there was a complaint from BEML authorities on Saturday who vouched for the presence of the tiger following which the authorities had begun monitoring the area.

Paramesh, DCF, Mysuru Wildlife, said based on the complaint, four pairs of cameras had been installed at vantage points on the sprawling campus of BEML. He said once confirmed, other measures, including setting up cages with bait to lure the tiger, would be taken up.

Meanwhile, a video showing a tiger walking along a well-paved road flanked on both sides by high compound walls topped with security fencing and purported to be BEML complex, has gone viral on social media. However, Mr. Paramesh said the staff was yet to ascertain its veracity.

It is pertinent to note that leopard sightings in industrial area on the outskirts of Mysuru is common and most recently, was reported from Infosys and RBI press.

There have been multiple incidents of leopards being sighted and trapped at the BEML campus itself. Tigers were spotted in Nanjangud industrial area in December 2023.

Of late tiger sightings in Mysuru district are being reported with unceasing regularity from human landscape and it was only on Thursday that the authorities trapped a tiger in Hunsur after local villagers complained of its presence.

# BCU to teach foreign languages to medical, dental, and nursing students of RGUHS

**Jayanth R.**
BENGALURU

Bangalore City University (BCU) has taken steps to teach foreign languages, including German, French, Italian, and Japanese, to students studying in the healthcare sector such as medical, dental, nursing, and allied health sciences in order to boost their global job prospects.

The BCU and Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) will sign an memorandum of understanding soon in this regard.

"Negotiations with the RGUHS to teach foreign languages to medical, nursing, and other students through our university's Global Languages Centre are in the final stages," said Ramesh B., Vice-Chancellor, BCU. There is a huge demand for skilled doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals in the global healthcare sector. Several hospitals in Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Arab Emirates have approached the State government and said that if there were trained nursing and allied health sciences students, they could be recruited immediately.

**Native language**

However, these hospitals require candidates who know their native languages. Therefore, the RGUHS has decided to teach foreign languages to students who wish to serve abroad and has come forward to enter into an agreement with the BCU. The government has also taken steps to start Foreign Language Labs in select government nursing colleges.

**Global Center**

Meanwhile, the Global Language Center has been functioning out of the Central College campus of the BCU, conducting certificate courses, diplomas, higher diplomas, advanced diplomas, and conservation courses in Chinese, French, Korean, German, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Finnish, Hebrew, and Russian languages. In view of the increasing number of students in the Global Language Center every year, the BCU plans to expand it and start new offline and online courses. "Already, agreements have been made with the governments of Russia, Spain, and Japan to teach foreign languages, and the respective governments there have sent teachers to our university to teach their languages. Also, the Russian government has allowed the use of its Central Library online. Therefore, students can download Russian language learning materials and other books through mobile phones and practice," said Mr. Ramesh.

**Good opportunity**

"To work in foreign hospitals, one must be fluent in the local language. So, it is a good thing that now the government and the RGUHS are providing an opportunity to learn foreign languages," said Lelina, a first-year nursing student, Bengaluru.

# Kannada tabloid editor held for cheating woman

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Govindarajanagar police on Thursday arrested the editor of a city-based Kannada tabloid for allegedly cheating a woman by promising to get her a posting in the "State press council". Based on the complaint filed by Meenakshi B., the police tracked down the accused, identified as Shivakumar T. Nagara Navile from Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport, minutes before he tried to board a flight to Oman for a programme.

According to the complaint, the accused, claiming to be president of the "State press council," offered her the role of "State president for women journalist council" and took over ₹50,000 to get her to Singapore for *Vishishta Kannada Habba* programmes for 2024.

The cheating came to light when the victim tried to reach Shivakumar after the programme, and he allegedly started threatening her with dire consequences when she started demanding money.

**GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY**
Office of the Executive Engineer-3,
Project Implementation Unit, 9th Floor, Shopping Complex,
4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru - 560011.

No: EE-3/GBA/PIU/TEND/01/2025-26 Date: 29-11-2025

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer-3, Project Implementation Unit, GBA, Bengaluru invites Request for Proposal from interested Persons / Firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC) for the below works.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for "Construction of Flood Protection Structures to Storm Water Drain including RCC Retaining Walls, Water Retention Structures, Nature Based Solution Structures / Bridges and Culverts Under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP) with Externally Funded Project (World Bank) in Yelahanka Zone - **YNK Package-1 (19 Works)**". **Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 8060.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 1,61,190.00** |
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**Calendar of Events:** **1)** Tender Document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 02-12-2025. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **06-12-2025 at 4.00 PM in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Project Implementation Unit, 9th Floor, Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru - 560011. 3)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **12-12-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **15-12-2025 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer-3,**
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**
This notice is issued on behalf of my client Sri.Ravi.J to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original Rectification Deed dated 25.07.2015, Doc. No.2099/2015-16 of Book I & CD.No.JGND400 in the office of the Sub-Registrar Jigani, Bangalore in respect of Site No.78-HG, Situated at Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru the page Number.8 has been lost at the time of travelling. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said Rectification Deed Page No.8. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days from this present along with that Police Complaint is also given vide Lost Report No. 1931335/2025, dated 29.11.2025.
**Y. Sowmya Yadav,** Advocate
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**GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**
**District Urban Development Cell, DC Office, Ballari**
**E-mail ID: ka.ballari.dudc@gmail.com**
**No:DUDCB/Engineering/Kuduthini/2025-26 Date: 26.11.2025**

**TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Project Directore, Ballari District, Ballari Invites tenders in two cover system for Below mentioned work under Revenue 2025-26 Scheme. The details of tender is as follows, **Name of the Works & Indent No:** Providing Manpower Services of Data Entry Operators at Atal janasnehi center, Jana Spandana office,Taluk office ,Taluk RTC Operator and Adhar Card Operator , in all Taluk Offices of Ballari District. Indent No: DMA/2025-26/SE6725. **Amount put to tender (in Lakhs):** 83.20. **EMD (rs):** 1,66,400.00
Last date & time for tender queries / clarifications: **02.12.2025 at 11.00 AM.** Last date and time for receipt of tenders: **04.12.2025 at 16.30 PM.** Date & time for opening of Technical bid: **05.12.2025 at 17.00 PM.** Auto extension of tender schedule: **02 days**
Interested Agencies / Firms shall register on the e-procurement platform https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ to participate in this tender. Agencies/Firms can download and submit the tender documents from the e-procurement platform. For more details, please contact Executive Engineer, DUDC Ballari (7760848568) related to this tender.

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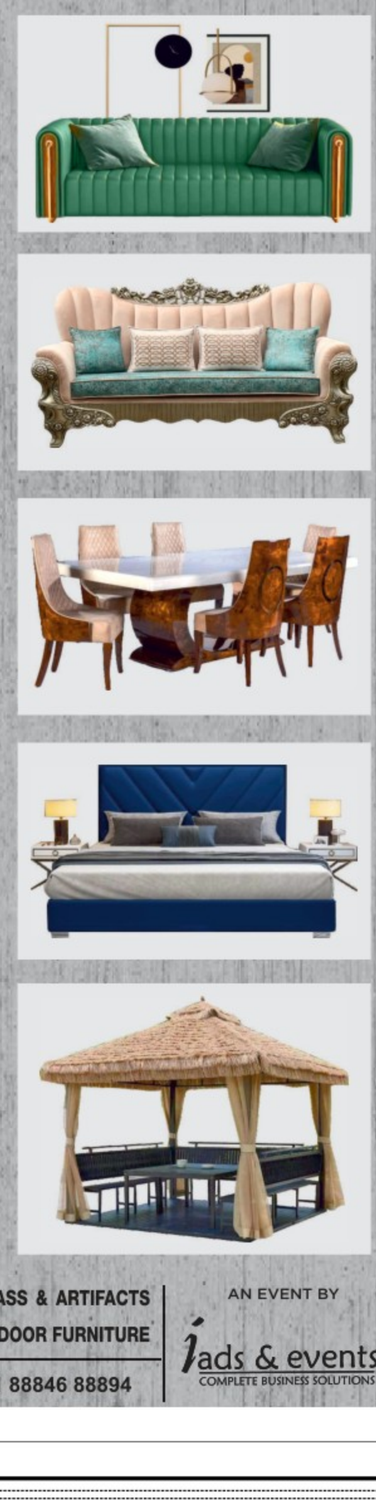

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The bids will be received through KPP portal only. The details regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **3:00 PM on 04.12.2025**. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer(Elec.),**
**State Load Despatch Centre, KPTCL,**
**28, Race Course Road, Bangalore - 560 009.**

**GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY**

Office of the Executive Engineer-4,
Project Implementation Unit, 9th Floor,
Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560011

**No: EE-4/GBA/PIU/TEND/01/2025-26** **Date: 29.11.2025**

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**

**(Two Cover System) (Only through KPP Portal)**

The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Executive Engineer-4, Project Implementation Unit invites Request for Proposal from interested persons / firms those **who have done similar nature of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality Control (PMC)** for the below work.

| Sl. No. | Name of Work |
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| 1 | Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for ``Construction of Flood Protection Structures to Storm Water Drain including RCC Retaining walls, Water retention structure, Nature based solutions structures, Culverts and Bridges under Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Program (KWSRP) with externally funded project (World Bank) in Dasarahalli Zone Package-01". **Amount put to tender (Works) in Lakhs:** 16,638.00, **EMD amount in Rs.:** 2,49,570.00 |
| 2 | Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality Control for ``Expansion/Widening of narrow water vents for construction of retaining walls, `U' drains, Box drains and culverts/bridges to storm water drains at various locations in Vijayanagara Constituency of South Zone Package South-1" (Project No. 02 and 27). **Amount put to tender (Works) in Lakhs:** 1,424.95, **EMD amount in Rs.:** 50,000.00 |

**Time Schedule / Calendar of events: (1)** Tender document may be downloaded through e-portal from: **02.12.2025. (2)** Pre-bid meeting: **06.12.2025** at **4:00 p.m.** Office of the Chief Engineer, Project Implementation Unit, 9th Floor, Shopping Complex, 4th Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560 011. **(3)** Last date & time for receipt of tenders: **12.12.2025** upto **4:00 p.m. (4)** Opening of Technical bid: **15.12.2025** at **4:30 p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/-, Executive Engineer-4,**
**Project Implementation Unit, GBA**

# Pepper farmers in Karnataka expecting sharp decline in output this year

**Mini Tejaswi**
BENGALURU

Pepper is usually harvested between February and May in Kodagu district. FILE PHOTO

Karnataka, the largest pepper producing State in India, has witnessed a sharp yield decline at 44.3% during crop year 2024-25. A similar, or even bigger, output reduction is expected during this year's pepper harvest scheduled to commence in February 2026, as per pepper growers in the State who spoke with *The Hindu*.

The State's pepper production is estimated to decline to 47,891 tonnes this year from 86,000 tonnes last year, according to the Spices Board. Karnataka has 2,11,497 hectares of land under pepper production, mostly grown in coffee heartlands as intercrop.

India grows pepper in 3,09,363 hectares of land. The country's pepper production has shown substantial volatility rising from 61,000 tonnes in 2019-20 to a peak of 1.26 lakh tonnes in 2024. As many as 85,000 tonnes were produced in 2025, and 74,000 tonnes are expected in 2026, as per International Pepper Community (IPC), an inter-governmental organisation for global pepper cultivation.

Kerala, the second largest pepper producer, is also expected to witness an output decline at 28.7%, according to the Spices Board.

**Rain impact**

The main reason for the drastic pepper output decline in Karnataka is persistent rain between May and mid-November, which made pepper vines vulnerable to various diseases, such as foot rot, quick wilt, anthracnose (*pollu roga*), leaf rot or blight, and also to complete destruction of vines in several cases.

Bose Mandanna, of Subramanya Estate at Suntikoppa in Kodagu, who grows coffee and pepper, said: "Owing to a long spell of rain, a lack of sunlight, and low temperature, fruiting spikes didn't set well resulting in small berries. Overall, we are disappointed and are expecting a poor crop this year."

Apart from these, Mr. Mandanna, also a Coffee Board member, said incessant rains did not allow farmers to carry out normal practices like application of fertilizer and fungicide.

According to Salman Baseer, the newly-elected chairperson at Karnataka Planters' Association (KPA), the decline in output is also because of the loss of vines owing to waterlogging. Pepper vines are delicate, and they are vulnerable to various diseases in wet weather.

Weather patterns have drastically changed. For instance, many plantations have received 60% to 65% of the year's rain in three weeks of July itself, he said.

"The rains are not spread out, and a downpour for weeks led to water stagnation. Three to four hours of continuous waterlogging and cold weather can destroy roots and kill the vines. Many farmers lost their vines entirely," Mr. Baseer elaborated.

The KPA chairperson also noted that many new airborne diseases are coming from Kerala towards South Kodagu, and now hitting plantations in Sakleshpur area. Extensive ginger farming is also spreading a lot of aerial diseases, such as antroconas and pytophera, to pepper vines, Mr. Baseer added.

Aravind Rao, former chairperson, KPA, observed that excessive rainfall during flowering had affected the overall crop quality and vines died owing to quick spread of fungal wilt, this year, almost like last year.

**Silver lining**

The only silver lining for pepper farmers is the increase in prices. Last year, it was hovering between ₹600 and ₹650 per kg, and this year between ₹650 and ₹700 per kg. "However, prices are not increasing in accordance with the fall in production. This is because of heavy imports from Sri Lanka and other locations under reduced duty rate," added Mr. Rao.

Sahadev Balakrishna, chairman, UPASI Coffee Committee, stated: "Income loss for farmers from pepper could be 20% to 30%. However, we will know the exact impact after a few weeks."

# Prices of natural rubber fall by 26.31% in 14 years

**The Hindu Bureau**
MANGALURU

Prices of natural rubber in Karnataka have fallen by 26.31% in the last 14 years, from ₹247 per kg in 2011 to ₹182 per kg in 2025.

Senior economist Vigneshwar Varmudi said about 27% of compound rubber is imported to the country at zero percent import duty mainly from ASEAN and SAPTA countries. This is the main reason for the prices of natural rubber falling and not maintaining stability in the domestic market, he said.

Mr. Varmudi said that many growers in the State have begun cutting rubber trees due to price crash and are replacing rubber plantations with arecanut and other construction activities.

Natural rubber growers of Karnataka at a State-level conference at Ujire in Dakshina Kannada on Saturday urged the Union government to fix the base price of rubber for imports at ₹258 per kg and increase the import duty on compound rubber from the present rate of zero to 5% to the maximum rate of 25% to save the domestic rubber growers. They urged the State government to fix ₹258 per kg as minimum support price for natural rubber.

Karnataka State Rubber Belegarara Hitarakshana Vedike organised the conference.

## From Page One

## We'll abide by high command decision, reiterate CM and DKS

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar at the former's residence in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The BJP and the JD(S) engage in propaganda and lies, which we will face," he said.

The breakfast meeting indicated that the leadership impasse would halt temporarily and may resume after the Winter Session of the legislature. The session would be held for two weeks from December 8. This would also provide some breathing space for the party's high command to work out a strategy to handle the crisis peacefully.

The Chief Minister said at the joint briefing: "We are united. There are no differences between me and Mr. Shivakumar. We have decided to listen to whatever the high command says. There is no controversy from tomorrow... There is none now either. But a section of the media has created the confusion."

**Venugopal's call**

The Chief Minister said party general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal had telephoned his legal adviser A.S. Ponnanna, MLA, and said that Mr. Shivakumar should be invited for breakfast, which resulted in the meeting between the two leaders.

The Chief Minister said the BJP's decision to move a no-confidence motion against the government during the legislature session would be a "futile exercise.

"We have 142 MLAs against the Opposition's 82. We have worked out a strategy to counter the Opposition's false allegations during the legislature session," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

When asked about Congress legislators visiting Delhi, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "Yes, some went because I had talked about a Cabinet reshuffle. They wanted to become Ministers. It is not that they are against the leadership."

"Just like we worked in the 2023 Assembly elections, we will work in the 2028 Assembly elections and ensure the party's return to power. We have also discussed elections to rural and urban bodies in the future," the Chief Minister said.

**'Only group is Congress'**

Echoing similar sentiments, the party's troubleshooter Mr. Shivakumar said, "We both worked together in the past and will work unitedly in the future too. We will abide by the high command's decision... There are no groups. The only group is Congress."

He further said: "Today, I am very happy. Our objective is to strengthen the Congress and the government to retain power in the 2028 Assembly elections. We know our party is in a difficult stage in our country.

But still, we are confident that Karnataka will have a major role, and we will repeat the mandate in 2028."

**LS elections**

He said that they would also have to work to wrest power in the 2029 Lok Sabha elections under the leadership of AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge.

The Congress came to power in the State with a massive mandate, and "we are working towards fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Karnataka," the KPCC president said.

# Opposition terms CM-DKS breakfast meeting a 'drama'

It lashes out at the Congress government for 'neglecting development of the State'

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Leaders during a BJP-JD(S) coordination committee meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The BJP and the JD (S) lashed out at the Congress government for "neglecting development of the State" and termed as "drama" the breakfast meeting between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and their show of unity.

Leading the charge against the government, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok alleged that there was no coordination between Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar and it was unclear who was effectively leading the State government.

He claimed: "Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar are engaged in a street fight. The Congress high command is weak. The demand of Mr. Shivakumar is the implementation of the 2.5-year power-sharing rule, but Mr. Siddaramaiah is not relinquishing the post."

Stating that development work has come to a halt in the State, he said some legislators went to Delhi seeking leadership change while others held dinner meetings at a resort in the city.

Owing to differences between the two leaders, he said "officials are not working."

Union Minister and JD (S) State president H.D. Kumaraswamy said that "a drama is going on". "We are eagerly waiting for the climax of the drama," he said.

Mr. Kumaraswamy alleged that "development has collapsed in the State. They are just trying to loot the State." The government which had taken over with a massive majority had hugely disappointed people, he added.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ashok said the Winter Session of the State legislature should be conducted for 20 days instead of eight, and there should be more discussion on the problems of North Karnataka.

"We in the BJP and the JD(S) are working together. We have exposed several scams, including the MUDA scam, the Valmiki corporation scam, and the stadium stampede case. Now, we have discussed which issues are to be raised in the Belagavi session. We have taken suggestions from Mr. Kumaraswamy and BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra," Mr. Ashok said.

The two parties held a coordination committee meeting ahead of the session that starts on December 8 at Belagavi.

# 'They have ended speculation'

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar have ended all speculation with a joint press meet, said D.K. Suresh, brother of the latter and former MP.

"Let us now stop speculating further. If there is any more uncertainty, it will be resolved by the high command," he said.

# Seers should keep away from politics, says HDK

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Even as Vokkaliga seers, including Nirmalanandanatha Swami of Adichunchunagiri Mutt, have backed the chief ministerial aspirations of Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy has said that religious heads would do well to keep away from politics.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru on Saturday, the JD(S) State president, who also belongs to the Vokkaliga community, said that religious heads need not interfere in the internal affairs of the Congress.

**'Not a good trend'**

"No seer came to my rescue when I lost power. Seers and politicians have different jobs cut out for them. It is not a good trend to drag caste and religion into the political arena," said Mr. Kumaraswamy, whose party is in alliance with the BJP.

"I appeal to the seers not to bring religion or caste into the internal affairs of the Congress."

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**E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

Karnataka Skill Development Corporation has invited the **"Hiring of Vehicles (Cars) Monthly Basis (One Year Contract)** Tender (Two cover bid system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act-2000 through e-procurement portal. Bids are invited from the eligible bidders for **"Hiring of Vehicles (Cars) Monthly Basis (One Year Contract)** Tender Document Number: **KSDC/2025-26/SE0023-2**. Tender Document is available for download from: **28.11.2025**. Last date for Proposal Submission: **06.12.2025**. The e-tender notification documents & tender processing fees. EMD details are available in e-procurement web portal-https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Helpdesk- PhoneNo +91-8046010000 / +91- 8068948777 or you may also contact the office during working hours.

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Tender Inviting Authority
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KSDC, Bengaluru.

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**ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Super Grade Electrical License issued from KCEI, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work:

**Name of the work:** Providing Basic Electrical Infrastructure Facilities to Kolur-Ganajur Industrial Area, Haveri District.

Last Date for submission of bids is **30.12.2025** upto **4:00** pm.

Applicants May download bidding documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

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KIADB, Bengaluru

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CCH-27 Hg. Date: 12.12.2025

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE XII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE**

**O.S. No. 5628 / 2023**

**BETWEEN : Mr. B. Ankamma Rao,** Son of Mr. Veeraiah, Aged about 50 years, Residing at No. 1/727, 9th Main, Pandripuram, Chilakaluripet, Gunturu District, Andhra Pradesh.

Represented herein by his Power of Attorney, Mr. Siva Sankar P., Son of Mr. Srinivas Rao, Aged about 40 years, Residing at Lingaraopalem, Edlapadu Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522 234. ...Plaintiff

**AND : Bhoomika Infrabuild Private Limited and others** ...Defendants

**NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT Nos. 6 AND 7 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908**

To : **6) Mr. R. Sudhakar,** Aged major, Having his place of work at: No. 823, 1st Floor, 11th Main, 2nd Cross, HAL II Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore 560 008. ...Defendant No.6

**7) Mr. C. Kondappa,** Son of Shri Chikka Kondappa, Aged about 59 years, Residing at Venkatapura Village, Chikkamalur Post, Madugiri Taluk, Tumkur District-572132. ...Defendant No.7

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff above named have filed the above suit in O.S. No. 5628 / 2023, before the Hon'ble City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore, (CCH No. 27) seeking (i) a declaration that the Deed of Cancellation of Joint Development Agreement dated 17.03.2022, registered as Document No. BNS-1-18535-2021-22 before the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, is fraudulent, illegal, and not binding on the plaintiff and the first defendant; (ii) a declaration that the Joint Development Agreement dated 17.03.2022, registered as Document No. BNS-1-18538-2021-22 before the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, is fraudulent, illegal, and not binding on the plaintiff and the first defendant; (iii) a declaration that the Deed of Revocation of General Power of Attorney dated 17.03.2022, registered as Document No. BNS-4-1079-2021-22 before the Sub-Registrar, Banaswadi, is fraudulent, illegal, and not binding on the plaintiff and the first defendant; (iv) to grant a decree of permanent injunction restraining the second to fifth defendants from in any manner interfering with the development of the Schedule Property by the plaintiff and the first defendant in terms of the Joint Development Agreement dated 11.01.2019 and General Power of Attorney dated 11.01.2019.

The Defendant Nos. 6 and 7 above named are hereby called upon to appear before the Court in person or through duly instructed pleader **on 12.12.2025 at 11.00 a.m.** to show cause as to why such judgement and decree ought not be passed in favour of the Plaintiffs, and defend the suit, failing which, the suit will be heard and decided ex parte.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
(Total land offered for development)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land measuring 1 Acre 16 Guntas in all, comprised of 1 Acre 00 Guntas in Sy.No. 22 (being Schedule 'D' Property) and 0 Acre 16 Guntas in Sy.No. 21/3 (being the Schedule 'E' Property) situated at Kariyammana Agrahara Village, Bellandur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (V-2) (P) SR/25/15-16 dated 28.03.2017 issued from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (EVH) SR/119/2008-09 dated 21/10/2008 issued from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and bounded on the:- East by: Sy.No. 22, West by: Sy.No.19 and Road, North by: Sy.No. 21/1 and Sy.No. 21/2, South by: Road.

**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas forming part of 2 Acres 00 Guntas of Converted Land in Sy.No.22 of Kariyammana Agrahara Village, Bellandur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (V-2) (P) SR/25/15-16 dated 28.03.2017 issued from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and bounded on the:- East by : Amani Belandur Khane Boundary, West by : Remaining portion measuring 0 Acre 30 Guntas in Sy.No.22, belonging to the family of Sri S. Ramaiah and Sri S. Venkatappa, presently in the name of V. Muniraju, V. Balaraju, R. Chandrappa and R. Ravindra, North by : Sri Naravala Kaluve, South by : Road.

**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land measuring 0 Acre 10 Guntas forming part of 1 Acre 10 Guntas (Schedule 'A' Land) of Converted Land in Sy.No. 22 of Kariyammana Agrahara Village, Bellandur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN (V-2) (P) SR/25/15-16 dated 28.03.2017 issued from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and bounded on the:- East by : The remaining portion measuring 1 Acre 00 Guntas in Sy.No.22 being part of Schedule 'A' Land, West by : Remaining portion measuring 0 Acre 30 Guntas in Sy.No.22 belonging to the family of Sri S. Ramaiah and Sri S. Venkatappa, presently in the name of V. Muniraju, V. Balaraju, R. Chandrappa and R. Ravindra, North by : Sy.No. 21/2, South by : Road.

**SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land measuring 0 Acre 30 Guntas forming part of 2 Acres 02 Guntas of Converted Land in Sy.No.22 of Kariyammana Agrahara Village, Bellandur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (V-2) (P) SR/25/15-16 dated 28.03.2017 issued from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and bounded on the:- East by : The remaining portion measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas in Sy.No. 22 being Schedule A Land, West by : Land Sy.No. 21/2 and 21/3, North by : Land Sy.No. 21/2, South by : Road.

**SCHEDULE 'D' PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being undeveloped land, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 723/22/1, measuring 1 Acre 00 Guntas comprising of Schedule 'B' Land and Schedule 'C' Land forming part of 2 Acres 02 Guntas in Sy.No. 22 of Kariyammana Agrahara Village, Bellandur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (V-2) (P) SR/25/15-16 dated 28.03.2017 issued from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and bounded on the:- East by : Remaining portion of Sy.No. 22 to an extent of 1 acre, West by : Sy.No. 21/3 and Sy.No. 21/2, North by : Sy.No. 21/2, South by : Road.

**SCHEDULE 'E' PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being undeveloped land presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 722/Sy.No. 21/3, measuring 0 Acre 16 Guntas earlier measuring 0 Acre 18 Guntas, forming part of 1 Acre 03 Guntas in Sy.No.21/3 earlier Sy.No. 21/A of Kariyammana Agrahara Village, Bellandur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (EVH) SR /119/2008-09 dated 21.10.2008 issued from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District and bounded on the:- East by : Sy.No. 22, West by : Sy.No. 19 and Road, North by : Sy.No. 21/1 and Sy.No. 21/2, South by : Road.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 28.11.2025.

**By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.**

**RAGHURAM CADAMBI,** Advocate
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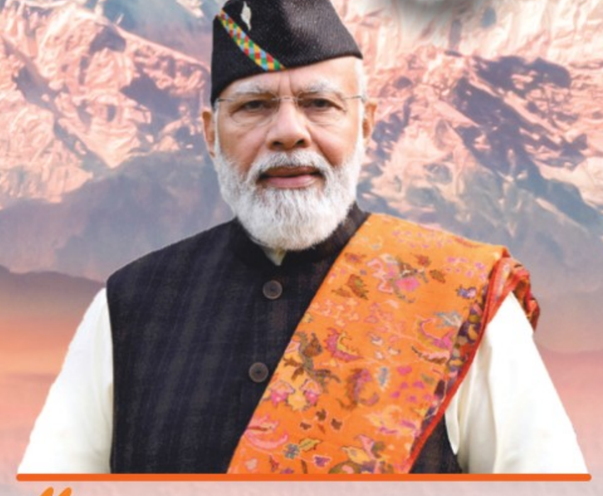
Chief Minister, Uttarakhand



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Prime Minister

# Accessible Paths, Divine Blessings — Experience Char Dham Darshan Even in Winter

During winters, when heavy snowfall leads to the closure of the sacred Char Dham shrines — Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath, the revered idols (Vigraha idols) are ceremonially brought to their nearby winter worship temples through a traditional Doli procession. For the next six months, daily worship and public darshan take place at these winter seats. This spiritual journey is known as the Winter Char Dham Yatra.

During this period, devotees receive the blessing of divine darshan without undertaking the challenging high-altitude trek, through more comfortable and accessible routes. The resonating beats of traditional Dandis, dhols and nagadas, along with vibrant local cultural rituals, offer pilgrims a unique and deeply moving spiritual atmosphere.

In addition, travelers get the opportunity to explore nearby religious landmarks, natural scenic spots and popular tourism destinations. The Winter Char Dham system not only celebrates faith, but also boosts the local economy, promoting homestays and rural tourism, and strengthening the livelihood of local communities.

# Sacred Identity of Nature— Uttarakhand's GI-Tagged Products

Under the *Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999*, a GI (Geographical Indication) tag is granted to products that originate from a specific geographical region and possess unique natural qualities, traditional production methods, or socio-cultural heritage associated with that place. The primary purpose of the GI tag is to establish the product as **"the authentic version belonging exclusively to that region"**, distinguish it from imitations or similar products produced elsewhere, and provide economic benefits to local farmers and skilled artisans.

## List of GI-tagged products of Uttarakhand

- Tejpat
- Berinag Tea
- Mandua
- Gahat
- Burans Sharbat
- White Rajma
- Litchi (Ramnagar)
- Jhangora
- Kala Bhatt
- Pahari Tor
- Lakhori Chilli (Almora)
- Ramgarh Peach
- Red Rice (Purola)
- Malta
- Nettle

# Handicrafts and other products

**Aipan Art**
Traditional Kumaoni art form

**Ringal Craft**
Handicrafts made from Ringal bamboo

**Tamta**
Copper products

**Thulma**
A type of handicraft

**Bhotiya Dan**
A handicraft item from the Bhotia community

**Likhai Wood Carving**
Intricate wood carvings

**Nainital Candle**
Candles produced in Nainital

**Kumaoni Colored Pichhoda**
A colored cloth with traditional motifs

**Ramman Mask**
Chamoli wooden masks used in the Ramman festival

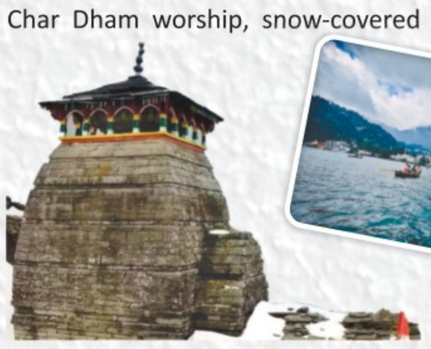
# Stay Local, Feel Local - Discover Uttarakhand through its Homestays

Uttarakhand's homestays not only offer travellers a peaceful stay amidst the mountains but have also become an important source of income for local families. When tourists stay in a homestay in a village or a small town, they get to experience the authentic local culture, traditional cuisine, customs, and the simplicity of rural life.On the other hand, the earnings from homestays go directly to local households, creating new livelihood opportunities. This helps reduce migration from the hills, empowers women, and strengthens the village economy.This homestay model connects every mountain home with tourism—where visitors receive the warmth of a family, and local residents gain a stable and sustainable means of livelihood.

# Winter Wonderland – A Memorable Journey in the Lap of Snow-Clad Mountains

Uttarakhand's winter season brings a spectacular blend of adventure, spirituality, and nature. Snow-covered towering mountain peaks, the serene beauty of calm lakes, the echoing sound of temple bells, and the gentle touch of icy winds—during winter, Uttarakhand comes alive in its most breathtaking form. This season offers a rare opportunity to experience the true soul of the mountains up close.

When the high Himalayan regions wrap themselves in a blanket of snow, many destinations across the state welcome travelers with a special winter tourism season. Winter Char Dham worship, snow-covered meadows (bugyals), thrilling trekking trails, water sports, homestays in traditional villages, and cultural festivals—every experience makes this journey truly unforgettable.



This journey is not just a gift of spiritual peace and natural beauty, but also a source of empowerment for local communities, giving new strength to livelihoods, homestays, and rural tourism—creating new pathways for regional prosperity.

# Hon'ble Prime Minister's Appeals to Tourists Visiting Uttarakhand

**Avoid Single-Use Plastic**

While exploring the serene Himalayan landscapes, prioritize cleanliness. Always remember to avoid single-use plastic to protect the fragile environment of the mountains.

**Follow Traffic Rules**

When traveling in the mountains, strictly adhere to traffic rules. Stay vigilant as every life is precious. Ensure your own safety and respect the safety of others.

**Vocal for Local**

During your visit, support the local economy by purchasing local products. Allocate at least 5% of your travel expenses for buying authentic local items.

**Respect the Sanctity of Pilgrimage Sites**

Honour the traditions, rituals, and local customs while visiting religious places. Uphold the dignity of these sacred sites and seek assistance from locals to understand and follow the rules appropriately.

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## INBRIEF

### Kerala HC to rewatch movie *Haal* over certification claims

The Kerala High Court will watch the Malayalam feature film *Haal* on Wednesday, prior to deciding on an appeal filed by the Catholic Congress against an earlier order granting 'A' certification without deleting scenes pertaining to the Christian community. The group said that the film portrayed the Bishop of Thamarassery as a supporter of inter-faith marriages whereas his known stance was otherwise. The matter was posted for hearing on December 4.

### Miraculous escape for 26 after Karnataka bus overturns

Twenty-six passengers had a miraculous escape after a Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation bus overturned when its steering rod broke at Tuggali in the early hours of Saturday. The bus, which was heading to Bengaluru from Mantralayam, veered off the road at high speed and plunged into roadside fields and overturned.

A few passengers received minor superficial injuries. Police have registered a case.

### 5 members of family killed in accident in Kurnool district

A pre-dawn head-on collision between a car and an SUV near Kotekal in Yemmiganur mandal on Saturday claimed the lives of five members of a family from Kolar district in Karnataka, while two others sustained critical injuries. The deceased have been identified as Venkatesh, 76, Satish, 34, Meenakshi, 32, Banith, 5, and Ruthvik, 4, all residents of Chikkahosahalli in Kolar. The family was travelling to the Lord Raghavendra Swamy temple at Mantralayam when their car rammed an oncoming SUV at high speed.

# Karnataka HC restores 'Yezdi' trademark to Boman Irani and Classic Legends

'The failure on the part of the OL to take control of the properties of the company and exercise his powers for renewal of the trademark would amount to abandonment of the trade mark'

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Declaring that Ideal Jawa (India) Ltd. had "abandoned" the usage of trademark "Yezdi", as a word or a device, as the company had failed to renew registration of this trademark for over 15 years, a Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka has restored this trademark in favour of Boman R. Irani of Rustomjee Group, Classic Legends Pvt. Ltd., incorporated by Mr. Irani and Mahindra & Mahindra.

"Once the trade mark is abandoned, the same would be available in the public domain, where it may be ceased immediately, providing such persons with superior rights to the mark as against the previous registered owner who has abandoned the mark due to action/inaction," the Bench said.

The Bench, comprising Justice D.K. Singh and Justice Venkatesh Naik T., passed the order while setting aside the December 26, 2022, verdict of a single judge, who had restrained Mr. Boman Irani, Classic Legends and others from using trade mark "Yezdi".

The single judge had allowed the pleas, made in 2020 by the Official Liquidator (OL) of Ideal Jawa, which was wound up in 2001, and the Ideal Jawa Employees' Association, against the action of Registrar of Trademarks in granting "Yezdi" mark to Mr. Boman Irani. The Bench delivered the verdict while allowing the appeals filed by Mr. Irani and Classic Legends against the single judge's verdict.

The Bench held that the Ideal Jawa had stopped the trademark with stoppage of production of motorcycle under this brand since 1996. FILE PHOTO

**The Classic Legends launched a new motorcycle under "Yezdi" brand name in the market in 2022**

### Trademark abandoned

The Bench held that the Ideal Jawa had stopped the trademark with stoppage of production of motorcycle under this brand since 1996, and the company was ordered to be wound up in 2001, and assets of the company was sold for around ₹26.7 crore through the OL in 2006.

The Bench also noted that the OL did not renew the registration of the trademarks, which expired between 2007 and 2013 though the trademark authority had served notices.

"The failure on the part of the OL to take control of the properties of the company and exercise his powers for renewal of the trademark would amount to abandonment of the trade mark," the Bench said while noticing that all the records of the company came into the possession of the OL in 2001.

"When the trademarks had lapsed and abandoned for more than 15 years, it would be open to the third party, including Mr. Boman Irani, to use and register the trade marks," observed the Bench while disagreeing with the single judge's view that Mr. Irani got "Yezdi' trademark registered in his name in 2013-14 "in bad faith and this amounted to misappropriation of the assets of the company".

### Background of Yezdi

It was stated that family of Rustom S. Irani, father of Mr. Boman Irani, migrated to India from the place Yezdi in Persia (now in Iran), and Mr. Rustom Irani, a founder-member, principal shareholder and Managing Director of the Ideal Jawa, started production of motorcycle with brand name "Yezdi" by taking licence from Mr. Irani.

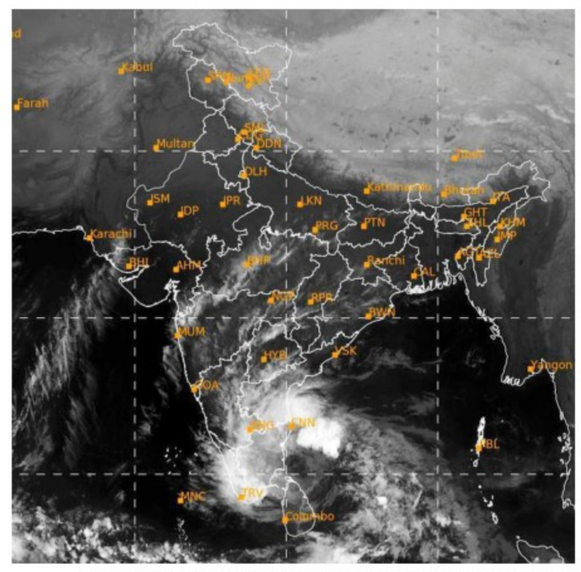
Mr. Boman Irani, a decade after closure of Ideal Jawa, got the trademark registered in his favour during 2013-15 and Classic Legends, of which he was one of the directors, was incorporated in 2015.

The Classic Legends launched a new motorcycle under "Yezdi" brand name in the market in 2022.

His family owns several business in the name Yezdi, besides Mr. Boman Irani launching a website, www.yezdi.com in 1998 as an attempt to revive the brand.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday




TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

**Forecast for Sunday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Cold wave conditions likely at isolated places over Punjab. Fog likely at isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | — | 30.0 | 15.0 | Kozhikode | — | 32.2 | 23.0 |
| Ahmedabad | — | 30.8 | 20.4 | Kurnool | — | 30.0 | 18.7 |
| Aizawl | — | 25.7 | 11.9 | Lucknow | — | 27.7 | 12.1 |
| Allahabad | — | 26.5 | 11.0 | Madurai | 5 | 22.6 | 20.7 |
| Bengaluru | — | 21.6 | 16.6 | Mangaluru | — | 30.2 | 21.5 |
| Bhopal | — | 25.5 | 8.6 | Mumbai | — | 32.9 | 21.8 |
| Bhubaneswar | — | 30.5 | 17.2 | Mysuru | — | 26.0 | 16.2 |
| Chandigarh | — | 25.1 | 7.9 | New Delhi | — | 26.5 | 10.4 |
| Chennai | 6.2 | 27.3 | 25.0 | Patna | — | 27.3 | 17.1 |
| Coimbatore | — | 27.9 | 20.4 | Port Blair | — | 29.5 | 22.8 |
| Dehradun | — | 25.3 | 8.7 | Puducherry | 46 | 24.6 | 21.7 |
| Gangtok | — | 19.2 | 9.8 | Pune | — | 29.6 | 18.2 |
| Goa | — | 32.0 | 20.6 | Raipur | — | 28.0 | 13.1 |
| Guwahati | — | 29.2 | 15.4 | Ranchi | — | 24.7 | 11.8 |
| Hubballi | — | 28.0 | 16.0 | Shillong | — | 20.3 | 9.6 |
| Hyderabad | — | 26.8 | 14.8 | Shimla | — | 20.6 | 9.2 |
| Imphal | — | 24.5 | 11.3 | Srinagar | — | 12.6 | -3.1 |
| Jaipur | — | 26.8 | 14.7 | Thiruvananthapuram | — | 27.6 | 21.7 |
| Kochi | — | 29.2 | 23.4 | Tiruchi | 7 | 24.9 | 20.6 |
| Kohima | — | 21.4 | 9.5 | Vijayawada | — | 31.2 | 20.2 |
| Kolkata | — | 28.7 | 16.4 | Visakhapatnam | — | 29.5 | 22.8 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | .14 | ..52 | 21 | ... 279 | ...185 | |
| Bengaluru | .17 | ..49 | 52 | ... 148 | ...117 | |
| Chennai | .15 | ..25 | 27 | ... 165 | ...108 | |
| Delhi | .31 | 129 | 47 | ... 340 | ...308 | |
| Hyderabad | ...4 | ..29 | 59 | ... 162 | ...138 | |
| Kolkata | ...6 | ..80 | 43 | ... 248 | ...184 | |
| Lucknow | ...5 | ..26 | ..5 | ... 237 | ...235 | |
| Mumbai | .19 | ..80 | 49 | ... 151 | ...142 | |
| Pune | ...6 | ..61 | 85 | ... 251 | ...224 | |
| Visakhapatnam | .10 | ..27 | 21 | ..... 79 | ....91 | |

**Air Quality Code:** Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Sonipat, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 329 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease


**Government of Odisha**
**Higher Education Department**
Lokseva Bhawan, Sachivalaya Marg, Bhubaneswar-751001
HE-SCH-PLAN-0059-2025/65043/H.E., Bhubaneswar, Dated: 28/11/2025

**Addendum-III**

**NOTICE INVITING RFP FOR ENGAGEMENT OF STATE PSU/ CENTRAL PSU/ DEPARTMENTAL UNDERTAKING AS PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (PMC) FOR "CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR / RENOVATION ACROSS FIVE STATE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES, ODISHA UNDER PM USHA.**

In continuation to the Request for Proposal (RFP) No. **PM-USHA:01/2025, dated 09.10.2025,** the following addendum is hereby issued.

| Sl.No. | Reference | Description | Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Bid Submission Dateline | Last Date & Time for Submission of Proposal | The last date and time for submission of RFP proposals is hereby extended. The revise dateline for submission of Bids : 02.12.2025, 03:00 PM |

**Special Secretary to Govt. & SPD, RUSA/PM-USHA**

N-215 OIPR-11001/11/0117/2526

By E_Mail/e-Despatch: E_Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in; Ph-No-06782/260318, Balia,Balasore
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE**
***"e" - Procurement Notice for Road Work***
**Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No.49 for 2025-26**
Letter No: - 4345 / Date. 21/11/25

1. Name of the Work : SDMF Road
2. Total No. of Work : 7 Nos. of Work
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure
4. Eligible Class of Contractor : As per Annexure
5. Period of Completion : As per annexure
6. Other Details :-

| Procurement Officer | Bid Identification No. | Availability of Tender On-line for bidding From | To | Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification | Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E., R.W.Circle, Balasore Technical Bid | Financial Bid |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore. | NCB No.49 of 2025-26 | 30.11.2025 at 11.00 A.M. | 15.12.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M. | 14.12.2025 Up to 5.00 P.M. | 16.12.2025 at 11.00 A.M. | Will be intimated later |

- Further details can be seen from the website : www.tendersodisha.gov.in

**Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Balasore.**

O-1597: OIPR-25105/11/0089/2526

**Govt. of Jharkhand**
**Jharkhand Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board**
Science & Technology Campus, Sirkha Toli,
Namkum-Tupudana Road, Namkum, Ranchi – 834010
Website : https://jceceb.jharkhand.gov.in e-mail : jceceboard@gmail.com

Advt. No. :–JCECEB/28/25-145 ,Ranchi/Dated: 28/11/2025

**Indicative information regarding withheld Stray vacancy Round of Online Counselling for admission in All India Seats in B.D.S. & B.H.M.S. courses**
**PRESS COMMUNIQUE**

In compliance of direction issued by Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare Department, GoJ, Ranchi regarding Stray vacancy Round of Online Counselling vide Letter No.-09/Chi.Maha./07-04/2025-439 (9) dated-26.11.2025, the Board will resume Stray Vacancy Round of Online Counselling for vacant All India seats in B.D.S. & B.H.M.S. Courses in Vananchal Dental College and Hospital, Garhwa; Devki Mahavir Homeopathic Medical College & Research Hospital, Garhwa under Babu Dinesh Singh University, Garhwa and Laxmi Chandravansi Homeopathic Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, Bishrampur, Palamu of Jharkhand State as per the Rescheduled Programme.

Detailed information in this regard has been uploaded under "Important Notice" column at **Board's website http://jceceb.jharkhand.gov.in.**

**Sd/-**
**(Megha Bhardwaj, I.A.S.)**
**Controller of Examination**

PR 367373 (Jharkhand Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board)25-26*D

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT -2),**
Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal- II, Karnataka (Bengaluru),
4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
**DEMAND NOTICE**
Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due To Banks and Financial Instituions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.
**RC 99/2025 in OA 887/2022**
**CANARA BANK Vs SMT. SHRUTHI K. C. & OTHERS**

**In the Matter of : (CH) Canara Bank,** Bidadi Branch, Nelligudda, Taluk Road, Bidadi - 562 109, Ramanagarm District, Karnataka **.... Certificate Holder**

**Vs**

**(CD 1) Smt. Shruthi K. C.** D/o. Sri Channappa, R/at No. 51/A, MIG-I, KHB Colony, Bidadi, Ramanagar District - 562 109, Karnataka.
**(CD 2) Sri Channappa.** S/o. Late Nagappa, R/at No. 51/A, MIG-I, KHB Colony, Bidadi, Ramanagar District - 562 109, Karnataka.
**(CD 3) Smt. Savithramma** W/o. Sri Channappa, R/at No. 51/A, MIG-I, KHB Colony, Bidadi, Ramanagar District - 562 109, Karnataka.
**(CD 4) Sri Santhosh** S/o. Channappa, R/at No. 51/A, MIG-I, KHB Colony, Bidadi, Ramanagar District - 562 109, Karnataka. **... Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2) in **OA/887/2022** an amount of **Rs.21,32,347.00** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Thrity Two Thousand Three and Forty Seven Only) consisting of (i) The MSME Term Loan of **Rs.21,15,526/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Six Only) together with interest @ 11.20% p.a. from 25.03.2022. (ii) The Credit Card liability Loan **Rs.16,821/-** (Rupees Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty One Only) together with interest @ 16% p.a. along with cost, expenses and interest from the 25.03.2022 i.e., date of filing of the OA/887/2022 and future interest from order date till the date of realisation in payable as per RC w.e.f. 27.04.2022 till realization and cost of **Rs.24,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Thousands Only)** has become due jointly and severally, from the Certificate Debtors. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.3.You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. **4**.You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, for further proceedings. **5**. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will be liable to pay:(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **05.04.2025**
Sd/-Recover Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore, (DRT 2)

**Note:** Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16** (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

**South East Central Railway**
**E-TENDER NOTICE**
**Sr. No (1) E-Tender No. 80A-ST-TENDER-2025 Date: 21.11.2025**
**Work:** "Provision/Upgradation of Integrated Passenger Information System (IPIS) at Various stations over Bilaspur Division."
**Tender Value:** ₹12,25,34,401.64 (Rupees Twelve Crore Twenty-Five Lakh Thirty-Four Thousand Four Hundred One and Sixty-Four Paise Only). **EMD:** ₹ 7,62,700/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Only). **Submission of Tender:** up to 15.00 hrs. on 15.12.2025
The complete information of above e-tender notice is available over website **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against above tender.
**Divl. Sig. & Tele. Engineer (CIC) S.E.C.Rly., Bilaspur**
CPR/10/AM/490
South East Central Railway @secrail

**WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY**
**CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION, JABALPUR**
**OPEN TENDER (TWO PACKET SYSTEM)**
Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) West Central Railway, Sidhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders as per following details. **NIT No.:** DyCE-C-SIDHI-06-2025, Dated: 26.11.2025 **Name of Work with Location:** Construction of Staff Quarters at (Silpara, Govindgarh, Baghwar, Rampur Naikin, Churhat and Sidhi station along with balance work of under construction quarters at Silpara and Govindgarh Station, OHE Depot and Tower wagon shed at Rampur Naikin & Sidhi, Office of the SSE's at Sidhi, Construction of Goods Shed, Goods Platform and road at Sidhi station, Foot Over Bridge at Baghwar, Rampur Naikin, Churhat and Sidhi, UNDER GROUND water tank at Govindgarh, Baghwar, Rampur Naikin, Churhat and Sidhi, Over head tank at Sidhi, interior work in Rest house and office at Sidhi station, with Water supply & distribution pipe line, Plumbing, Providing of Bore well, hand pump, Drainage, Sewerage & sanitary work with septic tank, boundary wall, Road work and miscellaneous work for Construction of Bridges protection work, Retaining wall, Toe wall, Approach Roads in between Rewa-Sidhi section, Cover over shed in approaches of RUB in between Rewa-Govindgarh section in connection with Rewa- Sidhi Singrauli New BG Rail Line Project. **Approx. cost of the work:** ₹ 988500726.90/- **Cost of Tender Form:** ₹ 0.00/- **Earnest Money:** ₹5092500.00/- **Completion Period:** 18 Months including monsoon. **Time and Date of closing & opening of E-tender :** Closing at 15:00 hrs. & opening after 15:00 hrs . on 19.12.2025 **Pre Bid Date:** 01.12.2025, 16:00 **Biding Start Date:** 05.12.2025 Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers will not be entertained against the above tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. The tender shall be opened at the notified date and time. Tender are required to submit their bid online through IREPS website https://www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are advised to regularly visit IREPS website https://www.ireps.gov.in to note any changes/corrigendum. Minimum Eligibility Criteria as per tender form shall be applicable for this tender.

**(SD.)**
**Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) WCR, Sidhi**

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**KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED**
**(Government of Karnataka Enterprises)**
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.
**No:EE/KNNL/BDN-4/BDVT/TA/PB-1/4701 Bhadra/ 2nd Call Tender Notification No:11/2025-26: Dated: 28.11.2025**
**Short Term Tender Notification-Call-2 (Through E-Procurement Portal only)**

Percentage Tenders by KPP portal in the prescribed form is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore from the eligible Contractor under the Head of Account 4701 Bhadra. The No. of work is 01. The approximate cost of amount put to tender is **Rs.4225.15 Lakhs.** The amount of EMD is **Rs.42.25 Lakhs** (by kpp portal) contractors can access and submission of completed e-tendering documents from **02.12.2025 to 01.01.2026 upto 17.30 hours** in the website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Technical Bid will be opened on **02.01.2026 at 17.30 hours** and Financial Bid will be opened on after obtaining approval of technical bid from competent authority. Pre-Bid Meeting on Dtd:**29.12.2025 @ 11.00 Hrs** at O/o Executive Engineer, No.4 BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi. Stipulated period for the completion of work is 18 Months (Including monsoon).For more conditions and details visit website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** OR at undersigned in at working days during office hours on telephone No. 8660573513.

**Sd/-**
**Executive Engineer. KNNL, No.4, BRLBC Division, Bhadravathi.**
DIPR/SMG/No-130-11/zenkar/2025-26

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## Ditwah-driven rain inundates south T.N.

Heavy rain pounded the delta districts, submerging vast stretches of paddy fields, particularly in Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, and Mayiladuthurai.

During the 24 hours till 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, Kodiyakarai in Nagapattinam district received extremely heavy rainfall of 25 cm followed by Vedaranyam (19 cm).

According to official estimates, standing paddy crops raised on about 22,000 hectares in Nagapattinam district remain underwater. Large tracts of salt pans along Vedaranyam and Kodiyakarai coast have also been inundated.

Tiruvarur Collector V. Mohanachandran said flooding has been reported in paddy fields across four low-lying blocks, including Thiruthuraipoondi and Nannilam. The affected paddy crops were between 20 and 25 days old, and the district administration was closely monitoring the situation.

**Rameswaram worst hit**

Rameswaram in Ramanathapuram district was among the worst affected, with residents in localities such as Gandhi Nagar and Natarajapuram stranded due to flooding. Some express trains originating from Rameswaram were partially or fully cancelled. Fishing vessels remained anchored as fishermen in Thoothukudi, Rameswaram and Kanniyakumari stayed off the sea this week, noted officials of the Fisheries Department.

In Chennai, discharge from key drinking water reservoirs was steadily increased following an orange alert issued for the city and neighbouring districts. Flood warnings were issued to downstream areas, including Chembarambakkam reservoir. The RMC has issued a red alert indicating extremely heavy rainfall in Tiruvallur and Ranipet districts on Sunday.

## DGCA orders upgrade for Airbus A320 fleet

Airbus said it had identified a "significant number" of Airbus A320 family aircraft that may be impacted.

This would entail either a software or a hardware modification for nearly half of the 12,000 A320 family aircraft worldwide, operated by about 300 airlines, it said. The A320 family includes the A319, A320 and A321 aircraft.

**Quick compliance**

In India, the alert will impact 338 planes being operated by IndiGo (200), Air India (113), and Air India Express (25).

In less than 24 hours, that is, by Saturday evening, the software modification had been carried out in 270 of these aircraft, averting major disruptions during the peak travel season.

The fix involves a software downgrade on the affected aircraft that takes airlines upto 40 minutes to implement. Older aircraft, such as the Airbus A319s, could possibly require a hardware replacement, industry sources explained.

**Problem traced to ELAC**

The Airbus alert followed an incident aboard a JetBlue flight between Mexico and Newark on October 30 when the aircraft experienced an uncontrolled descent for approximately four to five seconds before the autopilot corrected the trajectory. The investigation traced the problem to a flight system called ELAC (Elevator and Aileron Computer), which sends commands from the pilot's side-stick to elevators on the tail section of the aircraft. These in turn control the aircraft's pitch or nose angle.

"Airbus acknowledges these recommendations will lead to operational disruptions to passengers and customers. We apologise for the inconvenience caused and will work closely with operators, while keeping safety as our number one and overriding priority," the European aircraft manufacturer said on Friday evening.

## 2 sentenced to 20-months jail in al-Qaeda terror case

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

A special court of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) convicted two more accused involved in a terror conspiracy hatched by the banned terror outfit al-Qaeda and sentenced them to jail terms of 20 months, an official statement on Saturday said.

A fine of ₹5,000 each has also been imposed on Mohd Mustaqueem and Shakeel, both residents of Lucknow.

Earlier, on October 30, the court had convicted Mohammad Moid of Lucknow in the same case, related to the arrest of two al-Qaeda members.

**Arrest in 2021**

The arrest by the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad had taken place on July 11, 2021 on the basis of information that al-Qaeda member Umar Halmandi was involved in radicalisation and recruitment of members for AQIS (al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent) in Lucknow, the statement said. Following investigation, the NIA had filed one main and one supplementary charge sheet against a total of six arrested accused persons in the case.

# India sends more relief to cyclone-battered Sri Lanka

India has sent *INS Sukanya*, in addition to two ships, with relief materials to the island nation; two NDRF teams equipped with boats, medical aid and advanced tools have reached Colombo

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

India intensified humanitarian assistance and disaster response under Operation Sagar Bandhu on Saturday for Sri Lanka as the island nation continued to deal with the aftermath of devastating Cyclone Ditwah which has left at least 159 persons dead.

India has deployed *INS Vikrant* and *INS Udaygiri* to assist the affected families and sent two large cargo aircraft carrying 21 tonnes of relief materials to Colombo.

In addition to the two ships, *INS Sukanya* left Vishakhapatnam with relief material and is expected to reach Sri Lanka soon, said official sources. High Commission of India in Colombo is helping stranded Indian passengers at Bandaranaike International Airport after flights were cancelled. They are being provided food, water and other assistance by Commission's officials.

Two National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams comprising 80 rescuers and four trained canines, led by P. K. Tiwary, Commandant, 8th Battalion, flew out from the Hindon Air Force Station early on Saturday on an Indian Air Force IL-76 aircraft bound for Colombo.

**On the way:** National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams with a strength of 80 rescuers have been dispatched for rescue and relief operations in Sri Lanka. ANI

These teams are equipped with inflatable boats, hydraulic cutting and breaching tools, advanced communication gear, first-aid kits, and other essential rescue equipment to conduct humanitarian relief operations in affected areas of Sri Lanka. Indian Navy helicopters rescued several persons from flood-affected areas on Saturday, said the official spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry.

**NDRF deployment**

This regional deployment is in addition to NDRF's domestic preparations to deal with the cyclone's aftermath. As of Saturday, 14 teams were already positioned across vulnerable coastal districts of Tamil Nadu including Villupuram, Chengalpattu, Tiruvallur, Nagapattinam, Tiruvarur, Thanjavur, Pudukkottai and Mayiladuthurai. Additional teams were being mobilised for Puducherry, while 10 more teams from 5th Battalion (Pune) and 6th Battalion (Vadodara) are *en route* to Chennai as part of proactive readiness, an NDRF statement said.

## Delhi blast case: four sent to judicial custody

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Saturday sent three doctors and a preacher, who were arrested in connection with the blast near Red Fort, to 10 days of judicial custody.

All four accused, Muzammil Ganaie, Adeel Rather and Shaheena Saeed as well as Maulvi Irfan Ahmed Wagay, were produced before the Principal and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandna, who sent them to 10-day judicial custody.

As of now, the NIA has arrested seven persons accused in the case, which is linked to a "white-collar" terror module busted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police.

"The agency continues to pursue various leads in connection with the suicide bombing, and has been conducting searches across states in coordination with the respective police forces in a bid to identify and track others involved in the gruesome attack," the NIA said in a statement.

An explosives-laden i20 car driven by Dr. Umar-un-Nabi had detonated near the Red Fort on November 10, killing 14 people.

# Constitution evolving to '*swadeshi*', says Presidential Reference Bench

NEWS ANALYSIS

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

Besides advising President Droupadi Murmu against fixing timelines for Governors, the Presidential Reference Bench opined that the Indian Constitution is truly turning to vibrant "*swadeshi*".

"The point that is being made is this - the Indian Constitution is not just transformative in its adoption, it has been and continues to be transformative in its practice and interpretation, shedding its colonial vestiges for a vibrant and evolving *swadeshi* foundation," the five-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice B.R. Gavai (retired) observed in a 111-page opinion.

The Reference opinion does not cite a single foreign case law to advise President Murmu.

Acknowledging that the Constitution has drawn inspiration from multiple sources abroad, the top court said the interpretation and working of the Constitution over the decades have given it a truly *swadeshi* colour.

'Indianisation' of the legal system has been a point of debate in the SC over the years.

The *swadeshi* contours of the opinion were openly appreciated by the Centre, speaking through Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, during the Ceremonial Bench hearing held on the last working day of Chief Justice Gavai. Mr. Mehta spoke about building a unique 'Indian' jurisprudence.

"Indianisation" of the legal system has been a point of debate in the Supreme Court during the tenures of several Chief Justices, each one adding his own connotations to the idea. "We no longer need the crutches of a foreign legal order... We have to build up our own jurisprudence," Chief Justice of India P.N. Bhagwati (retired) had observed in 1986.

Chief Justice N.V. Ramana (retired) had called for the "Indianisation" to provide greater access to justice to the poor as the "need of the hour".

"When I say 'Indianisation', I mean the need to adapt to the practical realities of our society and localise our justice delivery systems... For example, parties from a rural place fighting a family dispute are usually made to feel out of place in the court," Justice Ramana had said.

Justice S.A. Bobde (former Chief Justice of India), wrote in the historic privacy judgment that "even in the ancient and religious texts of India, a well-developed sense of privacy is evident".

**Ancient Indian texts**

The court's judgments on decriminalising adultery and Sabarimala temple entry to women of a certain age quoted heavily from the *Manusmriti*.

But it was SC judge Justice (retired) S. Abdul Nazeer who traversed the extra mile in his speech on 'Decolonisation of the Indian Legal System' at the National Council meeting of the Akhil Bharatiya Adhivakta Parishad in Hyderabad. He rued India's neglect of the "legal giants of ancient India" like Manu, Kautilya, Katyayana, Brihaspati, Narada, Parashara, Yajnavalkya and adherence to the colonial legal system.

## 80% of Naxalism in Chhattisgarh wiped out, says Deputy CM

**Shubhomoy Sikdar**
RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma on Saturday said that 80% of Naxalism had been eliminated in the State and it was now confined to only a few pockets.

"Naxalism has been eradicated in Chhattisgarh by 80%. It persists in some areas in the western regions of Abhujmad and in the southern regions of Sukma and Bijapur districts. Today, people in Bastar can finally breathe freely without fear," Mr. Sharma told presspersons in Raipur.

The statement comes following a series of surrenders by Maoists in different districts of the Bastar region throughout the week. The Centre has set a deadline of March 2026 for elimination of Maoism and Mr. Sharma said that it would be achieved within the stipulated time.

Vijay Sharma

He said that anyone wishing to surrender and return to the mainstream was welcome, and the government would take full responsibility for their rehabilitation. The armed forces would continue to take action, the Deputy Chief Minister said.

"Those who choose not to surrender and continue to take up arms will get an appropriate response from our well-equipped security forces," he said.

## People clash with security forces in Manipur

**Press Trust of India**
IMPHAL

Hundreds of displaced people, seeking to return to their homes, clashed with security forces in Manipur's Imphal East district on Saturday, officials said.

The internally displaced people (IDPs), who have been staying at different relief camps after ethnic violence broke out in May 2023, were stopped by security forces at Yaingangpokpi when they were marching towards their homes at Gwaltabi, located on the periphery of the Senapati district.

As the situation escalated, security forces fired several rounds of tear gas shells to disperse them.

# Scientists warn against accepting 'one-sided deal' at plant treaty meet

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

**Scientists allege that the deal is engineered to favour agri-businesses and big tech corporations**

The Scientists for Genetic Diversity, a group of scientists, has written to Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, and the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research M. L. Jat expressing its concern over the "compromise proposal" presented at the 11th session of the governing body (GB11) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. The proposal pertains to the "enhancement of the functioning of the Multilateral System on Access and Benefit Sharing (MLS)".

The GB11 is in session at Lima in Peru. The scientists allege that the proposal is fundamentally unjust, the deal is one-sided, and it's engineered to favour big agri-businesses and big tech corporations. They urged the Centre to reject the proposal.

The "compromise proposal" offered a package of measures to enhance the functioning of the Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing, including a revised Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA). Payment rates and thresholds will be approved at 12th session of the governing body (GB12), and integrated in the adopted, revised SMTA. The expansion in the coverage of the multilateral system would be finalised by the GB12.

The scientists have also recommended the establishment of an 'Ad Hoc Expert Group', with a timebound mandate until the 12th session, to define the scope of the expansion.

The scientists said the proposal allows multinational enterprises to consolidate a monopoly over the seed sector and gain unfettered control over the vital genetic resources of the Global South. "It is an insult to everyone's intelligence to label this as a 'compromise' as it accommodates not one of the vociferous demands made by developing countries," they said.

The letter added that the proposal had conveniently shelved the much-neglected yet critical issue of establishing mandatory payment schedules and rates for genetic resource use to the upcoming GB12. "This deliberate shelving, after years of negotiation, serves only to maintain the status quo – unhindered access for the North and minimal financial return for the gene-rich South," they said.

They conveyed their dismay at the "deafening silence" that marked the Indian delegation at the GB11.

# Nationalism is not an issue in India: Mohan Bhagwat

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

Nationalism is not an issue in India when compared with other countries, and limiting the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) by calling it a nationalist organisation is a result of misplaced understanding, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Saturday.

"People call us *rashtravaadi* (nationalist). We don't have disputes with anyone; we stay away from disputes. It is not part of our nature. Our nature and culture are to progress together. This is not the case with many foreign nations," Mr. Bhagwat said, addressing a book festival at Nagpur.

Mohan Bhagwat

The Indian idea of nation was different, he said. "Our idea of *rashtra* is very different from their idea of nation. They looked at how to translate *rashtra* into English. They said it's a nation, and called it nationalism. We don't even know our words now – we know their words," he said.

"Nationalism is not an issue in India; our *rashtra* has always been there. We believe in the concept of nationality, not nationalism. We even believe the concept of nationhood, *rashtravaad*, can happen," Mr. Bhagwat said.

"When we say *rashtravaad*, then that gets connected to the Western idea of nationalism which resulted in two World Wars. The ego of the nation is the reason. But our *rashtra* is not compatible with egos. It has come into existence after the dissolution of egos....people considered themselves one," he said.

The Nagpur Book Festival is being held from November 22 to 30 at the Reshimbagh Ground in Nagpur. The event, with over 300 stalls, celebrates literature and learning.

# EC denies allegations of 'mass disenfranchisement' due to SIR

Petitioners claim SIR is an attempt to reintroduce the NRC by making the voter prove citizenship; EC denies social audit demand by petitioners, saying the claims and objections stage already enables scrutiny of errors in the draft electoral roll

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission has dismissed apprehensions of "mass disenfranchisement" triggered by the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, telling the Supreme Court that such allegations are an attempt to "politicise" the exercise.

The successful completion of the SIR in Bihar was proof that accusations of the *en masse* deletion of voters were false and speculative, the EC submitted in the Supreme Court.

"The exercise [SIR] is aimed at purification of electoral roll. The allegation of mass disenfranchisement levelled by petitioners is an attempt to politicise the exercise to serve vested political interests, and, as has been proven by the successful implementation of SIR in Bihar, untenable," the EC maintained.

The EC insisted that the SIR was a cooperative and participatory exercise involving all stakeholders.

**Petitioners' concerns**

The petitioners include the Association for Democratic Reforms, represented by advocates Prashant Bhushan and Neha Rathi, as well as political parties and leaders from States like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. They have termed the SIR as a "*de novo* National Register of Citizens (NRC)", in which the burden is on the voter to prove their Indian citizenship in order to be included in the electoral roll.

The EC insisted that the SIR was a "cooperative and participatory exercise" involving all stakeholders, including electors and political parties.

"The involvement of booth level agents and volunteers from the same constituency as the electoral; conduct of house-to-house visits by booth-level officers; filing of claims and objections are all features which involve the participation and cooperation of electoral and political parties to ensure the SIR exercise is successfully implemented," the EC said in its recent affidavit.

**No social audit needed**

The poll body described the features of the SIR, particularly the claims-and-objections stage as a sort of "social audit". These features, the EC reasoned, allow electors the "power to initiate enquiry against any erroneous entry in the draft electoral roll".

Taking the case of Bihar, it said the draft roll and the list of 65 lakh people "who did not submit enumeration forms" were provided to political parties at the State, district, and booth levels along with reasons for non-submission. The information was also shared online. The draft list and the list of excluded persons were also posted outside block development offices and panchayat bhavans.

The EC said it would replicate these measures in the second phase of the SIR currently under way across nine States and three Union Territories. It dismissed the petitioners' idea of a social audit.

"The SIR order of October 27, 2025 contemplates the posting of all details across all booths, block development offices and websites. There is no requirement to conduct any additional social audit," the EC assured them.

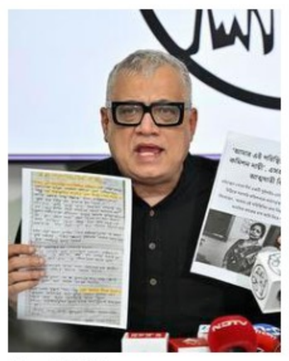
# Release transcript of meeting on SIR, Trinamool asks EC

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

A day after a 10-member Trinamool Congress delegation met a full bench of the Election Commission (EC) on the issue of special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls being carried out in 12 States and Union Territories, including West Bengal, the Trinamool Congress on Saturday asked the poll body to release the transcript of the meeting.

Addressing a press conference here, the party claimed that the EC did not answer any of the five questions raised on the issue of SIR exercise in West Bengal, including the recent "SIR-related" deaths, at the meeting on Friday.

Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha member Derek O'Brien said his party was not against the SIR in principle but felt that the methodology was flawed. "This is going the same way as demonetisation".


Derek O'Brien

"Our national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee has made a reasonable demand...Why don't you release the transcript of what transpired in the meeting. We are not asking it to be done in one or two days. Take your time but release the transcript," Mr. O'Brien said.

On Friday, a senior official of the Election Commission said that the EC had given a point-by-point rebuttal to the issues raised by the delegation.

# Ensure safety of BLOs, poll body directs Bengal Police

**The Hindu Bureau**
KOLKATA

The Election Commission on Friday wrote to the Director-General of Police (DGP) in West Bengal, Rajeev Kumar, urging that all possible measures be taken by the police to ensure the safety and security of booth-level officers (BLOs) who are carrying out the enumeration phase of the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the State.

"It has come to the notice of the Election Commission of India from various quarters that there is an apparent threat to the safety and security to the lives of booth-level officers and other field functionaries. This may prevent them from discharging their duties towards the conduct of SIR," the EC noted.

The poll body has also directed the relocation of the office of the CEO on grounds of alleged security breaches.

# Cong. terms Delhi's toxic air 'slow poison', demands all-party panel

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Terming the capital's air pollution a "slow poison" that is making the city "no longer habitable", the Congress on Saturday asked the Centre to treat the crisis as a "national problem", convene urgent cross-party consultations, and constitute an MP-level committee to evolve a lasting solution.

Senior party leader and former East Delhi MP Sandeep Dikshit, addressing a press conference at the All India Congress Committe (AICC) headquarters, asserted that that doctors had warned that Delhi's polluted air was shortening an average person's lifespan by six to seven years, putting the sick at even greater risk.

Congress urged Centre to treat the crisis as 'national problem'.

Mr. Dikshit also criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party and the Aam Admi Party (AAP) for doing competitive politics of populism and said they have enough time to do that closer to the elections.

"The government should control pollution, and if they are unable to do this, they have no right to be called a government," Mr. Dikshit said, adding, "All I have to say is this: stop misleading the public, because due to air pollution, this city is no longer habitable."

Dismissing stubble burning and Diwali crackers as minor factors, he declared: "Only a small portion of air pollution comes from stubble burning and firecrackers during Diwali... The major cause of air pollution is vehicular pollution, which continues year-round. This accounts for around 35%."

He accused successive BJP and AAP governments of allowing road infrastructure to decay and public transport to "collapse". "When Delhi was developing, the average traffic speed was 35 to 40 kilometres per hour. Today, due to the government's failure, traffic speeds have slowed... vehicular pollution levels have increased by two and a half times," he claimed.

Mr. Dikshit also hit out at illegal industries running on "dirty fuel" with the "connivance of the MCD, police, and politicians", uncollected garbage being burnt across the city, and the scrapping of waste-to-energy projects. "Many years ago, the technology of 'waste to energy plant' was introduced, but Arvind Kejriwal made a false claim that its smoke causes cancer, after which the plan was thrown into the dustbin," he alleged.

"This is a national problem... I would demand that they should form a committee, probably at MP-level, and take all parties on board," Mr. Dikshit said.

# BJP tells Opposition to refrain from making misleading comments on SIR

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party on Saturday urged the Samajwadi Party and other Opposition parties to refrain from making "misleading remarks" to spread confusion regarding the Election Commission's special intensive revision (SIR) exercise.

Talking to reporters, BJP spokesperson and MP Sambit Patra said SP leader Akhilesh Yadav's claims that the SIR would end reservation, take away jobs, and increase inflation were "baseless".

Mr. Patra said Mr. Yadav should first obtain prior knowledge about the SIR process, how it was being conducted, and its purpose.

> It was seen in Bihar that Tejashwi Yadav and Rahul Gandhi spoke about SIR the entire day, and the result was before everyone
>
> **SAMBIT PATRA**
> BJP SPOKESPERSON

"Linking issues like reservation and employment to the SIR without understanding what Special Revision and Summary Revision are is surprising. How will SIR take away jobs and how will reservations end – these questions themselves prove his claims to be false," he said.

He said leaders like Mr. Yadav, Rahul Gandhi, and Mamata Banerjee had accepted defeat even before contesting elections. "It was seen in Bihar that Tejashwi Yadav and Rahul Gandhi spoke about SIR the entire day, and the result was before everyone," he added.

Citing the Supreme Court's intervention, Mr. Patra said conducting the SIR was within the jurisdiction of the EC and no irregularities were found in the process.

**Madani slammed**

Attacking Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind president Maulana Mahmood Madani's reported comments on jihad, Mr. Patra said they were extremely inappropriate because, in the name of jihad, terror and violence were spread not only in India but across the world.

# Tejashwi to be leader of Grand Alliance in Bihar House

**Press Trust of India**
PATNA

Lawmakers of the Opposition *Mahagatbandhan* (Grand Alliance) in Bihar on Saturday unanimously elected Tejashwi Yadav of the RJD as the coalition's leader in the State legislature.

The decision was taken at a meeting hosted by Mr. Yadav in Patna ahead of the five-day session of the legislature, beginning on Monday, when all the newly elected members of the Assembly will be sworn in.

Congress MLC Samir Kumar Singh said, "We have sufficient numbers, and he shall be the Leader of the Opposition as well".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## INBRIEF

### Construction of 530 houses to begin in Ramban, Udhampur

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday laid the foundation stone for construction of new homes for families affected by natural calamities in Udhampur and Ramban districts. As many as 530 houses – 341 in Udhampur and 189 in Ramban – will be constructed at a cost of ₹34 crore and ₹18 crore, respectively. He said the initiative will shape a better future for the flood-affected families. "I will personally ensure that every affected family has a roof over their heads," he said. The construction will be completed within six months. Specific techniques will be used to build comfortable, stronger and more resilient prefabricated homes, officials said.

### Odisha to establish 15 fast track courts for POCSO cases

The Odisha government is taking steps to establish 15 new fast track courts exclusively for the trial of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act cases at various locations in Odisha. State Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan on Saturday said that locations for these courts had been identified. With the approval of the Orissa High Court, the State has taken initiatives to establish new Civil Judge (Junior Division)-cum-Judicial Magistrate First Class courts at various locations. Additionally, the High Court has approved the establishment of an Additional District and Sessions Judge Court at Khandapada in Nayagarh district.

### J&K Deputy CM questions razing of journalist's house

In a sign of growing confrontation between the Jammu & Kashmir government and the Raj Bhavan, J&K Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary on Saturday said the Jammu Development Authority (JDA) has to explain who gave the orders to demolish the house of journalist Arfaz Daing in Jammu. Mr. Choudhary visited the site where the house of Mr. Daing was razed two days ago by the JDA in Jammu's Narwal. Mr. Choudhary said his visit was "to make a statement that the government stands" with the journalist. He asked the JDA "to clarify on whose instructions such actions were followed".

### *'Mahayuti* govt. turning Mumbai into a gas chamber'

A day after the Bombay High Court expressed concern over Mumbai's worsening air quality and directed the formation of a five-member committee to monitor construction-related pollution, Congress leader and former Maharashtra Minister Varsha Gaikwad on Saturday accused the *Mahayuti* government of turning Mumbai into a "gas chamber" under the guise of development. Ms. Gaikwad demanded urgent intervention to tackle rising pollution levels. Speaking at a press conference, she called for a comprehensive pollution control plan and protection of green spaces.

# Govt. orders 'SIM binding' for messaging platforms

They must ensure that their services worked only if a user's registered SIM is present in device; WhatsApp and other platforms were also told to log out web-based chat sessions every 6 hours

**Aroon Deep**
NEW DELHI

The Union government passed directions on Friday requiring services like WhatsApp to only work if users have the SIM card used to sign up for the service in their device, and to log out web-based chat sessions every six hours.

The order, sent directly to messaging platforms like WhatsApp, Telegram, and Signal, represents a major enlargement of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)'s exercised jurisdiction, building on groundwork laid by a set of contentious cybersecurity guidelines notified this year.

Government officials have expressed frustration over their inability to track cyberfraudsters who use apps like WhatsApp, which currently only require users to validate their mobile number once, before being able to use the service on a range of devices. "SIM binding," as the directions put it, would force WhatsApp and other messaging platforms to stop working if the SIM is taken out, and presumably aid in the traceability of cyberfrauds operating on WhatsApp – by, in return, adding possible friction to other users. The directions were first reported by tech policy news site *MediaNama*.

**Enhancing security:** The DoT has sent the order to messaging platforms like WhatsApp, Telegram, and Signal. GETTY IMAGES

**Problematic instruction**

The DoT said in its order that SIMs used outside the phone where WhatsApp has been registered were "being misused from outside the country to commit cyber-frauds". The order is in effect from February 2026. The DoT and WhatsApp did not have an immediate response to a query by *The Hindu* sent outside normal working hours. An industry source called the instructions "problematic" and that no feasibility study or consultation was held before these directions were issued, and that it was unclear if these measures would resist circumvention by fraudsters.

The DoT, which typically oversees telcos, has rarely waded beyond "carriage," or the means of transmission, into the "content" layer of the Internet, where apps like WhatsApp arguably operate, with the notable exception of website blocking. One official said that such divisions had to be constantly "rethought" in light of the "convergence" that the Internet and telecom ecosystems have seen in recent years.

Throughout this year, the groundwork for instructions like this to messaging platforms was laid: the DoT notified amendments to its 2024 Cyber Security Rules, which defined the concept of "Telecommunication Identifier User Entities," or TI-UEs. This term could be applied to any firm which uses mobile numbers to identify users, from e-commerce platforms to messaging apps.

The Internet and Mobile Association of India, which represents Meta and other digital firms, said in a filing to the DoT this year that the amended rules not only represented a "clear overreach of the delegated legislative power under the [2023] Act, but will also have broad implications for digital businesses across fintech, e-commerce, mobility, social media, and essentially any service that relies on telecom identifiers".

The telecom industry has repeatedly called on the DoT to act in this direction, ruling that strict anti-spam regulations that are routinely issued for them do not curb frauds perpetrated on platforms like WhatsApp.

# CSIR-NAL unveils production version of Hansa-3 plane

**Jacob Koshy**
NEW DELHI

The CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bengaluru, launched a "production version" of the indigenous Hansa-3(NG) trainer aircraft on Saturday. Mumbai-registered M/s Pioneer Clean Amps, which will manufacture the two-seater planes, has reportedly commenced manufacturing. It has set up a ₹150-crore facility in Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, to make 100 aircraft annually.

The Hansa-3 has an all-composite airframe (as opposed to purely metal), and is designed to meet the expanding demand for PPL (Private Pilot Licence) and CPL (Commercial Pilot Licence) training. First designed and developed by the CSIR-NAL in the early 1990s, the latest iteration of the Hansa-3 has undergone significant upgrades. This April, the NAL signed a deal with Pioneer for manufacturing the planes.

Science Minister Jitendra Singh presided over the inaugural function in Bengaluru to release the production plan on Saturday. He said that India would need nearly 30,000 pilots in the next 15 to 20 years, and Hansa-3(NG) represented a "critical step" towards fulfilling this domestic requirement through fully indigenous technology, reducing dependence on foreign trainer aircraft, and creating new avenues of livelihood and entrepreneurship in aviation.

Hansa-3(NG) is a 'critical step' in fulfilling domestic needs through indigenous technology

The CSIR-NAL is working on a 19-seater Light Transport Aircraft SARAS Mk-2 for both civilian and military operations. With a pressurised cabin, digital avionics, glass cockpit, autopilot, command-by-wire flight controls, and significant weight and drag reduction, the aircraft would bolster regional connectivity and address India's indigenous short-haul passenger aircraft requirement, an accompanying press statement noted.

Dr. Singh also inaugurated the Iron Bird Facility for SARAS Mk-2, describing it as a "crucial platform" for full-system integration, ground testing, and validation of major aircraft subsystems.

### 'Terrorist launchpads shifted from border areas'

**The Hindu Bureau**
JAMMU

After Operation Sindoor, about 60 terrorist launchpads in Pakistan were shifted to locations away from the border, the Border Security Forces (BSF) said on Saturday.

"The BSF destroyed many terror launchpads along the border during Operation Sindoor. It forced the Pakistan government to shift all such facilities to the depth areas. About 12 launchpads are working from the depth areas of Sialkot and Zaffarwal, which are not exactly on the border. Around 60 launchpads are working in other depth areas," BSF Deputy Inspector-General (DIG) Vikram Kunwar said.

# NCDC mulls social media integration to study disease patterns, strengthen health security

**Bindu Shajan Perappadan**
NEW DELHI

The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) may strengthen its public health security systems by tapping into social media posts, which could enhance its predictive model for disease pattern detection and outbreak surveillance.

The move follows the success of AI-based event surveillance systems already in use, most recently of the Media Scanning and Verification Cell, with which the NCDC has been able to scan millions of online news reports daily across 13 Indian languages to extract structured health event data, including the disease type, location, and scale.

The NCDC tracks social media to create a future-ready public health system and enhance readiness to manage infectious diseases.

The system has processed over 300 million news articles since its inception some years ago, flagging more than 95,000 unique health-related events – a 150% increase in detection capacity over manual systems, with 98% reduction in workload for the surveillance teams.

The current use of social media is still under discussion, Himanshu Chauhan, Additional Director, NCDC, said.

"We are using technology as a digital watchdog, but we also understand that there could be many misses or [there could be] false reporting when it comes to social media. We don't want to waste our resources," Dr. Chauhan added.

The NCDC tracks social media to create a future-ready public health system, and enhance national readiness to manage infectious diseases, and potential pandemics, he said.

The AI-powered systems currently in place automatically identify unusual spikes in diseases, including dengue, chikungunya and other public health threats, which are then verified by experts for accuracy.

The NCDC is also facilitating citizen reporting to flag any rise in disease incidence in an area.

In the transition from conventional methods of detection to predictive models, the newly established Metropolitan Surveillance Units (MSU) under the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) had demonstrated exemplary real-time surveillance capabilities, Ranjan Das, Director, the NCDC said.

"In a recent incident involving suspected paediatric Acute Encephalitis Syndrome cases in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh, the Nagpur MSU promptly flagged the occurrence to the central surveillance unit, enabling rapid coordination among stakeholders across two States," Dr. Das said.

The upcoming predictive model would integrate AI surveillance, laboratory intelligence, climatic data, population movement patterns, and digital diagnostics to anticipate outbreak trajectories, he added.

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# 'Maharashtra govt. must spotlight unknown Ellora treasures'

**Vinaya Deshpande Pandit**
CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR

Scottish historian William Dalrymple wants the Maharashtra government to showcase the lesser known sites at Ellora, India's first UNESCO World Heritage site, including the last Ottoman Caliph's empty tomb, Malik Ambar's tomb, the first Peshwa's tomb, and the Sufi and Naga traditions at the caves.

"There is a great opportunity for the Maharashtra government here because they have obviously one of the most important cultural sites in South Asia. It is an enormous site already. There are caves of three different religions over 700 years. But Khultabad on top of the hill is neglected," Mr. Dalrymple told *The Hindu*.

Sitting at the footsteps of Kailasa temple, the world's largest monolithic rock excavation, Mr. Dalrymple wondered if people knew of the international significance of the Ellora campus, renowned for its Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain structures.

"But the same campus has an unbroken history of veneration dating before the Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain tradition. Starting from Naga veneration, up until the Sufi tradition which is as old as Islam in India," the popular author and historian said, recounting his walk from the top of the hill of the Ellora caves, from the Khultabad side.

**'Utter neglect'**

He rued that apart from the Ellora caves themselves, the other structures within the complex are lying in utter neglect, with many not having even a walkway for easy access or a signboard to signal their significance. He himself had taken a chance and walked over the hill, he recalled. "It is just a 10-minute walk from the top of the hill to the Ellora caves, and it is all in the same campus," he stressed.

**Man of many tales:** William Dalrymple wondered if people knew of the international significance of the Ellora campus.

Mr. Dalrymple was speaking on the sidelines of Aikyam 2025, an event organised by Sopaan to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the United Nations through an immersive convergence of art, heritage, diplomacy, and sustainability.

**Golden quadrangle**

"Malik Ambar's tomb [in Khultabad, a few minutes away from the Ellora caves] is totally neglected, locked up. You can't enter the gate. It can be opened by the government. People can pay tickets and visit. Around it is also the tomb of the first Peshwa. Before the Marathas, the Ahmednagar rulers also used this title. Again, totally neglected. Full of old plastic bottles, rubbish. People are missing the trick here. These are important monuments. Between Ajanta, Ellora, Daulatabad, Khultabad, it can be a golden quadrangle which can attract a lot of international tourists as well," he said.

Drawing attention to the empty tomb of the last Ottoman Caliph within the same campus, he said: "There is also the last Caliph's tomb. He never got buried there. His daughter who had married the Nizam's son built him a tomb. He died in Paris during the Nazi occupation. Wonderful, world-class site where tourists could come from Turkiye to admire. You could have a whole new chain of tourism from the Old Ottoman [empire]'s lens. There is not only no sign to it, but no road to it. There is not even a goat path. You just have to take your luck and climb a hill, which is what I did. There is a huge amount of very diverse material in this area. And this could be a spectacular world heritage site."

**Monolithic monument**

The Ellora Caves are among the first UNESCO World Heritage sites, located in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in Maharashtra. The caves form one of the largest rock-cut cave complexes in the world, with artwork dating from 600 AD to 1,000 AD, including Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain caves.

The complex is a leading example of Indian rock-cut architecture. One of the caves features the largest single monolithic rock excavation in the world, the Kailasa temple, which is a chariot-shaped monument dedicated to the god Shiva.

# How much plastic is too much for marine birds, mammals, turtles?

**Divya Gandhi**

Nearly 1,300 marine species, including every family of seabirds and marine mammals, ingest hard and soft plastics, rubber, and fishing debris. This tragic habit can kill many of these marine animals by blocking or puncturing the gastrointestinal or by twisting the intestines.

A study in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* has quantified the amount of plastics seabirds, marine mammals, and sea turtles ingest and the minimum quantities at which the plastics mortally wound their gastrointestinal tracts.

Researchers from the University of Toronto studied published data from more than 10,000 necropsies performed on sea animals from 57 sources and found that 35% of seabirds, 12% of marine mammals, and 47% of sea turtles had swallowed plastic – and that 1.6%, 0.7%, and 4.4% had respectively died as a result. The study included 1,537 seabirds (57 species), 7,569 marine mammals (31 species), and 1,306 sea turtles (seven species).

Ocean Plastics Research Ocean Conservancy manager and study coauthor Erin Murphy told *The Hindu*, "The most common marine mammals in our dataset were the striped dolphin, sperm whale, South American fur seal, and Florida manatee." Among birds, the albatross, gull, and tern were most often the victims, as were all seven species of sea turtles. Six to 405 pieces of ingested macroplastic, amounting to a volume of 0.044 to 39.89 ml per cm of body length, "lead to a 90% chance of mortality in these marine species," the paper found.

Rubber was the most fatal for seabirds, soft plastics and fishing debris for marine mammals, and hard and soft plastics for sea turtles.

"Quantifying the risk of macroplastic ingestion also poses challenges compared to microplastics," the paper read. "While laboratory studies can be used to inform quantitative risk assessments for microplastics, it is difficult to conduct laboratory or manipulative experiments to measure the effects of macroplastic pollution."

Sea turtles had the highest frequencies and loads of plastic, at nearly 50% of samples, followed by seabirds (35%) and marine mammals (12%). Sea turtles were also more likely to have suffered due to ingested plastics.

Dr. Murphy said the team's work supports policies to reduce plastic pollution and specifically target the most dangerous plastics, such as plastic bags: "We also hope this research can inform national action plans as they work to set science-based targets to mitigate the harms of plastic pollution."

# Hormone therapy can alter proteins in transwomen's blood

A study in Melbourne has found feminising hormone therapy reshapes blood proteins in transgender women, aligning them with cisgender patterns; the findings flag long-term health risks and underscore the need for more inclusive research

**Sayantan Datta**

The effects of feminising gender-affirmative hormone therapy (GAHT) are more than skin deep, research in *Nature Medicine* has reported, with the changes going down to the very proteins circulating in a person's blood.

Sanjay Kalra, an endocrinologist and the former president of the Indian Professional Association for Transgender Health, said the study "sheds light on a new aspect of transgender medicine".

Transgender people are those whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth.

Transgender women, who are assigned male sex at birth but identify as women, may opt for GAHT to help align their bodies with their gender identity. Feminising GAHT typically involves a combination of estrogen and an antiandrogen like cyproterone acetate (CPA) or spironolactone (SpiroL). Antiandrogens block the effects of testosterone and dihydrotestosterone, hormones that play key roles in the development of male sexual characteristics, muscle growth, and in determining how fat is deposited in the body.

Scientists and physicians have known since the 1970s that GAHT redistributes fat, reduces facial and body hair growth, and develops breasts in transgender women's bodies. According to the new study, GAHT also shifts the profile of proteins circulating in a transgender woman's blood towards levels observed in cisgender women. It took researchers this long to find this because "transgender health has historically been under-researched," University of Melbourne endocrinologist Ada Cheung, who co-led the study, said.

The technology required to measure thousands of proteins in the body at the same time is also new and still quite expensive, the authors added.

The deeper biological changes may also increase the long-term susceptibility of transgender women to asthma and autoimmune disorders, the study found. Experts clarified that these risks have yet to be clinically observed.

The study enrolled 40 transgender women in Melbourne, assigning half to estrogen + CPA and half to estrogen + SpiroL. Researchers obtained blood samples at baseline before initiating GAHT and again at the six-month mark.

Then they isolated blood plasma from the samples and measured the levels of over 5,000 proteins.

Their analysis identified 245 proteins whose levels had changed in the CPA group and 91 proteins in the SpiroL group. In both groups, GAHT had decreased the levels of most of these proteins. The researchers were also able to attribute GAHT's effects on proteins to decreased testosterone concentration, increased body fat percentage, and higher breast volume.

The team also checked proteins whose levels had already been reported to vary with sex in a cisgender population using the UK Biobank's Pharma Proteomics project. Using a computational technique, they found the levels of 36 such proteins were correlated with GAHT involving CPA and of 22 proteins with GAHT involving SpiroL. And for both groups, GAHT noticeably changed these proteins' levels towards the pattern generally observed in cisgender women.

The findings suggest "the changes go far beyond what we see on the outside; they happen deep inside the body's cells and systems," Dr. Cheung said.

The results also suggested that using either CPA or SpiroL might shift protein profiles towards those consistent with higher risks of allergic asthma and autoimmune diseases. Only CPA use shifted protein levels to those suggestive of lower atherosclerosis risk, i.e., the risk of blood vessels narrowing and hardening due to fat deposits.

Dr. Cheung cautioned, however, that the risks are "only possibilities, not proven. We don't yet have clinical evidence showing higher rates of these diseases in trans women on hormones." Dr. Kalra also said he hadn't observed transgender women being more susceptible to autoimmune diseases in his practice.

The difference between clinical observations and the study's findings might arise because "autoimmune or allergic conditions take years to develop, and depend on multiple genetic and environmental factors," Dr. Cheung said. She stressed the need for longitudinal studies that tracked transgender women's health over a period to understand whether these "biological patterns translate into real-world health effects".

Dr. Kalra expressed hope that the study will prompt similar ones in India, where transgender women's access to GAHT is often inconsistent and lacks regular clinical monitoring. Such studies could help clinicians make more informed decisions in the long run, Richie Gupta, senior director and head of the Department of Plastic Surgery and Gender-Affirmation Clinic at Fortis Hospital in New Delhi, added.

But the effort's biggest contribution, Dr. Cheung said, is highlighting "the need for high-quality, inclusive science so that trans people can receive the best possible care based on real data."

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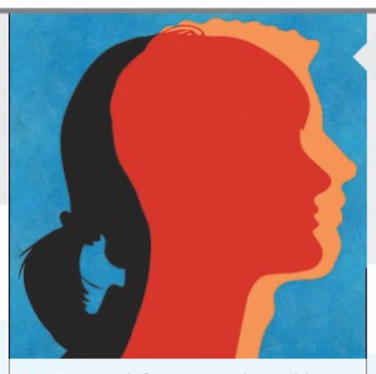
## Affirmative **care**

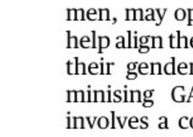
GAHT shifts the protein profile in a transgender woman's blood towards that observed in cisgender women.



**Identity in line:** Feminising hormone therapy is a way for transgender women to help align their bodies with their gender identity. GERALT

1. Feminising hormone therapy in transgender women alters thousands of blood proteins, not just visible physical traits
2. Using estrogen with CPA or spironolactone, researchers tracked protein changes in 40 transgender women in Melbourne
3. After six months of therapy, many protein levels had shifted towards patterns typically seen in cisgender women
4. Protein shifts suggested possibly higher risks of asthma and autoimmune diseases, though clinical evidence is wanting
5. Only therapy including CPA seemed linked to lower atherosclerosis risk, based on cardiovascular-related protein changes
6. Experts emphasised transgender health's under-researched status and urged longer term studies, including in India

# The many roles of sugarcane in India and the world



**SPEAKING OF SCIENCE**

**D. Balasubramanian**

A recent paper by Olivier Garsmeur and colleagues titled 'The genomic footprints of wild Saccharum species trace domestication, diversification, and modern breeding of sugarcane' in the journal *Cell* conducted genomic analyses of 390 sugarcane breeds from Australia, Brazil, China, France, French Polynesia, India, Japan, and the U.S.

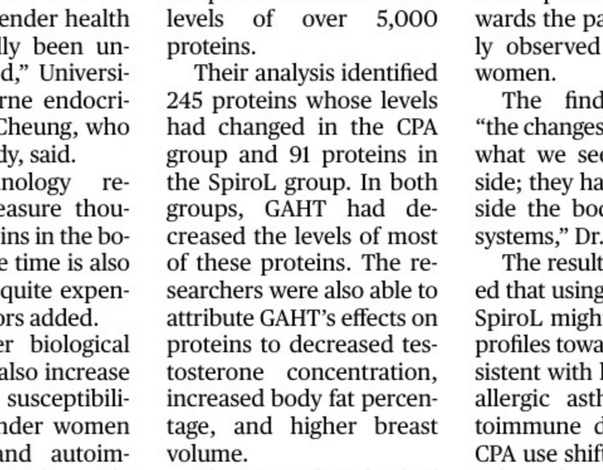
These plants were hybrids of a variety of genes, with multiple chromosomes in them (polyploidy). Such polyploidy had occurred due to commercial transport by human breeders, who transported and sold sugarcane across various states in a country and across countries as well, including in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia.

They also pointed out that while sugarcane is a cash crop that is used for its sweetness, it is also used to produce bioethanol, which is produced as a cleaner alternative to fossil fuels in private and public transport and commercial vehicles.

### Sugarcane in India

India produces a large amount of sugarcane, particularly across 13 States. The top five States by production in 2018-2019 to 2023-2024 were Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat. About 4,400 lakh tonnes of sugarcane were produced in 2024-2025.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has also established several sugar research institutes across the country that use classical botanical methods and molecular biological methods to improve the variety and yield of sugarcane. The oldest of these, which is the Sugarcane Breeding Institute in Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, conducted molecular genetic analyses of four different sources across India to study the genetic diversity. This was in 2006, with the researchers' findings published in the journal *Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution* (53, 1221-1231).



India produces a large amount of sugarcane. GETTY IMAGES

While the aforementioned Garsmeur et al. paper used samples from the western countries and China, the Coimbatore group used samples from Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, and Tamil Nadu. Upon genetic analysis, the researchers found that Arunachal Pradesh had the most diverse sugarcane breeds.

In a 2018 paper in *3 Biotech*, scientists from the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research in Lucknow also analysed the genetic diversity and population structure of 92 sugarcane varieties from subtropical parts of the country, again revealing the abundance of sugarcanes of many types in India.

Traditional medicine practitioners in China, India, and Pakistan have also been using sugarcane in their therapies. In this connection, a recent review from China, titled 'The chemical composition and biological activities of sugarcane: Potential medicinal value and sustainable development', pointed out that traditional Chinese medicine resources are facing serious problems in terms of sustainable development, causing a shortage that is being aggravated by changes in the natural environment and uncontrolled human harvesting.

Therefore, it is of great significance for the maintenance and development of traditional Chinese medicine resources to study those resources that have medicinal value and crop potential and to discover new uses for them. In their review, the authors discussed the chemical composition of sugarcane and its potential bioactivities, explored its applications in medicine, and charted the potential direction of future research.

As Grasmeur *et al.* also noted, sugarcane is also used to produce bioethanol, which is a greener alternative to diesel or petrol in passenger vehicles like cars and buses, as well as for trucks. India has also started using sugarcane wastes, rice, and wheat to manufacture bioethanol, with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas having started making bioethanol in Assam. In all, we look forward to a greener India with sugarcane.

## SNAPSHOTS

### Adenine base editing revs up against two blood disorders

Scientists have tested a gene-editing method called adenine base editing to fix two severe mutations that cause β-thalassemia, a genetic blood disease. In blood-forming stem cells taken from patients, they corrected two mutations in the *HBB* gene. The cells subsequently produced red blood cells with more normal β-globin and fewer signs of stressed cells. The same strategy applied to stem cells from people who had both sickle cell disease and β-thalassemia yielded fewer sickle-shaped cells after deoxygenation tests.

### Mars has an active electrical environment, find scientists

Using the Perseverance rover's microphone to catch electrical activity in Martian dust, scientists have identified 55 'sparks' caused by dust and sand grains rubbing together over two Martian years. From the signals, the team showed that near-surface electric fields on Mars can become strong to trigger lightning-like discharges. These discharges can help lift dust, change how dust clumps together, and drive chemical reactions to create oxidising molecules and chlorine compounds in the atmosphere and soil.

### Male elephants in captivity can come together as friends

As captive breeding becomes more important in preserving Asian elephants, scientists have found a way to bring unrelated males together without prompting aggressive behaviour in a Laos facility. They were introduced first with limited contact, then in shared open spaces. In both stages, friendly actions were more common than fearful ones. Over time, friendly behaviours became more stable. The team ascertained its methods by measuring hormone levels in dung samples.

## Question Corner

# Steady flame

**How can candle wicks hold a flame for so long?**
– *Sadhika G.*

A candle wick holds a flame because it isn't just a string that burns. Its main purpose is to deliver fuel to the part that's very hot. When you light the wick, the heat quickly melts the wax near its base. The wick is made of cotton fibres woven tightly together, and they together serve as 'tubes'. Through capillary action, they draw the liquid wax upwards against gravity, just as a paper towel suspended over a bucket of water will absorb it upwards.

Near the flame, the liquid wax gets hotter and turns into vapour. And it's the wax vapour rather than the solid or liquid wax that actually burns. As long as the wick can keep supplying vapour at roughly the same rate the flame consumes it, the flame will be steady. The wick itself chars slowly. Good wicks are designed to curl over as they burn, moving the tip into the hottest part of the flame. There, the excess wick turns to ash and breaks off, so it doesn't grow too long and produce smoke. This is how a candle keeps a flame alive for many hours.

Readers may send their questions / answers to science@thehindu.co.in

FAQ

# Why has Goa been asked to set up a tiger reserve?

What are the complexities of setting up core and buffer zones? How many households are likely to be affected?

Jacob Koshy

**The story so far:**

The Central Empowered Committee (CEC) of the Supreme Court has recommended that the Goa government establish a tiger reserve in the State in a "phased" manner.

### What prompted the CEC?

In July 2023, the Bombay High Court had directed the Goa government to notify five "protected areas", namely the Mhadei Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary, Bhagwan Mahavir National Park, Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary, and Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary (collectively referred to as the 'Mhadei WLS and Other Areas'), as a "tiger reserve, within a period of three months." It also ordered the State government to prepare a Tiger Conservation Plan and to determine and settle the rights and claims of Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers. The order stemmed from a petition filed by the Goa Foundation after the alleged poisoning deaths of a female tiger and her three cubs in the Mhadei Sanctuary in 2020. In 2016, the National Tiger Conservation Authority had recommended these areas be declared a tiger reserve.

### How did the Goa government respond?

The Goa government filed a Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court against the order.

> The forests of Goa, particularly its wildlife sanctuaries, often form a contiguous corridor for tigers in neighbouring Karnataka and Maharashtra

It was reluctant to have the areas declared as a tiger reserve on the grounds that nearly "one lakh people" would be affected. However, in its own affidavit, it later conceded that there were only about 1,274 households in 33 villages within the five protected areas, which worked out to approximately 5,000-6,000 individuals. It also argued that there were no "resident" tigers in Goa and the handful that passed through its forests were a "transient" population. The forests of Goa, particularly its wildlife sanctuaries, often form a contiguous corridor for tigers in the Kali Tiger Reserve in Karnataka and the Sahyadri in Maharashtra. However, this claim was ironic because in 2018, a report from its submissions to the Mhadei Water Disputes tribunal suggested that it had argued the opposite: that there was "...evidence to show that tigers in Goa were not merely transient animals, but are a resident population and the forests around Chorla, Mann and Kankumbi comprise a contiguous tiger landscape corridor to Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary in Karnataka and to Anshi Dandeli (now called Kali) Tiger Reserve to its south which has around 35 tigers." The SC asked the CEC to conduct a site visit and "examine" the issue and file a report before the Court's next hearing. The CEC filed its report last week.

### What did the CEC report state?

In its report, the CEC, which conducted site visits said there was "apprehension" among several dwellers that they would be displaced and it was incumbent upon the State government to allay their fears.

The committee recommended that parks and sanctuaries of Goa that were "directly contiguous" to the Kali Tiger Reserve in adjoining Karnataka, and known to host a permanent tiger presence, form the "core" part of the Goa reserve. It suggested that the areas adjoining the Kali Tiger Reserve be designated as a "buffer zone" of the proposed reserve. "Such a phased approach is likely to minimise disturbance to local communities, while ensuring that the most ecologically-sensitive and least-inhabited areas are brought under enhanced protection at the earliest stage," the report notes. This will mean including the Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary (50 households) and Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary (41 households) in the first phase, adding up to 296.7 sq km in the core zone. Similarly, it sought the protected areas contiguous with the buffer zone of the Kali Tiger Reserve and having minimal human habitation, namely, the northern part of Bhagwan Mahavir Wildlife Sanctuary (9 households) and Bhagwan Mahavir National Park (2 households), be considered as the buffer zone of the proposed Goa Tiger Reserve in the first phase. Their argument was that this contiguity would strengthen landscape-level connectivity and ecological functionality.

### Why does it matter?

While Protected Areas and Wildlife Sanctuaries already invite the highest degree of State protection, declaring a region as a 'tiger reserve' translates to more funds for conservation and research. However, it also means designating certain parts of the forest as 'core' and 'buffer zones.' Core zones are supposed to be "inviolate" and if people happen to be resident, they are incentivised – but cannot be forced – to leave the area and settle elsewhere.

Buffer zones, on the other hand, do not require to be inviolate and are tolerant of a broader range of human activity.

# How will new codes change labour laws?

What are the key features of the four Labour Codes? What will be the impact of the new laws on trade unions and tripartite mechanisms? Will more workers be brought into the ambit of social security schemes? When will the government start rolling out the new codes?

A. M. Jigeesh

**The story so far:**

On November 21, Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced the implementation of four Labour Codes – the Code on Wages, 2019, Industrial Relations Code, 2020, Code on Social Security, 2020 and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSHWC) Code, 2020. Parliament had passed these codes between 2019 and 2020.

### Why is the process taking time?

As labour is in the concurrent list, both the States and Centre have the power to makes Rules. The Centre published draft Rules for each code between July 7, 2020 and November 19, 2020; and as on July 2025, 32 States and Union Territories have also pre-published draft Rules under the four Labour Codes. According to a statement in Parliament during the last Monsoon session, West Bengal and Lakshadweep have not pre-published draft Rules under any Labour Codes. Delhi has pre-published draft Rules only under the Code on Wages. Tamil Nadu is yet to pre-publish draft Rules under the Code on Social Security. The Centre stated that the delay in implementing the Rules was mostly because of the lag in States.

### What are the key features?

The Code on Wages repeals the Payment of Wages Act, 1936, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 and the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976. The Industrial Relations Code amalgamates the Trade Unions Act, 1926, the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946 and the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. The Code on Social Security nullifies nine Acts including the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 and the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008. The OSHWC Code repeals Acts such as the Factories Act, 1948, the Mines Act, 1952, and the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979. The Government repealed and codified 29 Acts that decided the structure of labour rights from the colonial period to the first United Progressive Alliance government.

> Trade unions worry the codes will take away several federal rights, including the right to decide minimum wages

**In rage:** Workers from across Karnataka demand a repeal of the four Labour Codes, at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on November 27. ALLEN EGENUSE J

### What are the major changes?

According to the Government, the Labour Codes promote formalisation of employment, expand social security coverage, ensure minimum and timely wages for more workers, provide for engaging more women in the workforce and reduce compliance burden for employers. Some of the other features include mandatory appointment letters to all workers, social security such as provident fund and State insurance for all workers including gig and platform workers, and a statutory right for minimum wage payment. Women can now work at night and in all types of work across establishments, and they will have equal opportunities in high-paying roles. A national floor wage will be set to ensure no worker receives a wage below the minimum living standard. Gender-neutral pay and job opportunities, prohibiting discrimination against transgender persons, and "shifting enforcement towards guidance, awareness and compliance support rather than punitive action," are some of the other features.

### How have employers responded?

Almost all employers' organisations have welcomed the Codes. The president-designate of the Confederation of Indian Industries R. Mukundan told *The Hindu* that the labyrinthine labour law framework needed to be simplified, harmonised and modernised. "The Labour Codes do exactly that. They will create jobs, ensure social protection and maintain industrial harmony in a fast advancing economy," he said. He argues that the uniformity across States, digital filings, reduced disputes and the emphasis on flexibility will make India a more attractive destination for doing business. However, representatives of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are sceptical. The Association of Indian Entrepreneurs (AIE) fear that the new Labour Codes may significantly increase operating costs for MSMEs and disrupt business continuity across key sectors. "While AIE fully supports progressive labour reforms and the need for a modern workforce framework, the organisation has cautioned that the immediate impact on MSMEs could be severe unless governments provide clarity, transitional support, and flexible implementation mechanisms," it said in a statement. It is seeking a transitional grace period with reduced penalties for MSMEs.

### What are the concerns of trade unions?

Barring the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), all Central Trade Unions (CTUs) are opposed to the Labour Codes. Ten CTUs and associated federations organised strikes against the proposed Labour Codes in 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023 and on July 9, 2025. The BMS has welcomed the implementation of two Labour Codes, the Code on Wages and Code on Social Security, and has questioned provisions in the Industrial Relations Code and the OSHWC Code.

The CTUs worry that the codes will take away several federal rights, including the right to decide minimum wages in the States. The floor wage, according to them, is a joke played on workers as in the past too, the Centre had failed to address the demands and realities of workers. On social security, the CTUs argue that 93% of the workers are not covered under any social security and the codes have no provision to improve the scenario. Also, the threshold of workers for factory licence has been increased and this will exclude a lot more workers from the social security and minimum wages provisions, allege trade unions.

On the Industrial Code too, they have issues as there will be "unwarranted restrictions" on the functioning of trade unions, including "limitations on membership, restrictions on outsiders serving as office-bearers, and the introduction of concepts such as the sole negotiating union and the negotiating council." The right to strike also sees curtailments in the code. Trade unions have questioned the reduction of retrenchment notice pay, limiting the period for workers' money claims, exclusion of house rent allowance from the definition of "wages", the overall emphasis on contractualisation and allowing women workers in night shifts in sectors such as mines.

### What lies ahead?

The Government has announced that all stakeholders will get 45 days to respond to the draft Rules of the Codes which it will again pre-publish with some modifications. Opposition-ruled States have reservations: Kerala said it will not implement the codes, while Karnataka, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu have also questioned the Centre's "unilateral" approach. The trade unions have urged the Government to convene the Indian Labour Conference, the tripartite forum that has not met for over a decade, at the earliest. Employers also want to the government to facilitate more discussions at the factory level so that relations are not hampered at a time when businesses are facing challenges globally.

# What are the facts on uranium in breast milk?

Where were the samples taken? What has the report highlighted? What are the World Health Organization guidelines on permissible limits? Why do doctors say mothers must continue to breast feed? Why must the civic administration keep checking groundwater?

Ramya Kannan

**The story so far:**

A recent study published from Bihar has revealed traces of uranium (U238) in the breast milk of lactating mothers across six districts of the State. This was followed by a period of panic, as shock set in over the presence of uranium, a known radioactive substance, in breast milk, being consumed by infants. However, a deeper reading of the study reveals that while the facts are concerning, and will have to be attended to forthwith, in this particular instance, the cancer scare associated with exposure to radioactive metals appears to be non-existent.

### What did the study highlight?

In the paper titled 'Discovery of uranium content in breast milk and assessment of associated health risks for mothers and infants in Bihar, India', published on November 21, in *Nature,* Arun Kumar et al said samples of breast milk were taken from 40 mothers selected randomly from six districts of Bihar – Begusarai, Katihar, Nalanda, Samastipur, Kagharia and Bhojpur – between October 2021 and July 2024. The samples underwent a detailed uranium analysis at the Mahavir Cancer Sansthan & Research Centre in Patna. The results showed all breast milk samples had uranium concentrations between 0 microgram/L and 5.25 microgram/L. The highest U238 concentration was observed in Katihar district. The authors linked uranium in breast milk to uranium contamination of ground water, citing earlier groundwater studies to establish the link. There is currently no permissible limit or benchmark specified for uranium concentration in breast milk. However, the World Health Organization has set a provisional guideline limit of 30 microgram/L of uranium in drinking water.

> The study concludes that the actual impact on infant health is likely low

**Improving maternal health:** Women waiting their turn at a primary health centre in Vaishali, Bihar, in 2016. FILE PHOTO

### What impact does it have on breast milk?

Scientists found the uranium isotope 238 (U238), said to be the most common isotope, making up over 99% of natural uranium in breast milk. It is a weakly radioactive, dense, and very heavy metal. It occurs naturally in the environment, and can be found in almost all rock, soil, and water, including the oceans, though in low concentrations. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), "external exposure to uranium is not as dangerous as exposure to other radioactive elements because the skin will block the alpha particles [in the uranium]. However, ingestion of high concentrations of uranium can cause health effects, such as cancer of the bone or liver." A person can be exposed to uranium by inhaling dust in air, or ingesting water and food contaminated with uranium. The general population is exposed to trace levels of uranium primarily through food and water, according to the USEPA.

The authors add: "In recent years, groundwater uranium [U238] poisoning has posed serious health hazards in the exposed population. In India, an estimated 151 districts and 18 States have reported groundwater uranium contamination, and about 1.7% of groundwater sources are affected in Bihar."

### Does it affect mothers and infants?

Ashok Sharma of AIIMS Delhi, one of the authors, told the media that uranium was found in all samples but remains under permissible limits, implying low expected health impact. The study concludes that the actual impact on infant health is likely low, and that most of the uranium absorbed by mothers is excreted primarily through urine, not concentrated in breast milk. Dr. Sharma added that 70% of the infants showed potential non-carcinogenic risk in the assessment but the levels observed are expected to have "minimal actual health impact" on mothers and infants, and breastfeeding should continue unless a clinical reason requires otherwise. If long-term exposure to uranium continues in infants, it may affect kidney development and cognitive and mental health outcomes (including low IQ and neurodevelopmental delay).

Senior consultant gastroenterologist and former President of Indian Medical Association Cochin, Rajeev Jayadevan, seeks to place this controversy in the right context. "The word uranium can cause panic among the general public because of its obvious radioactivity implication. In fact, uranium is only one among many elements naturally found in groundwater, not only in India but in numerous countries worldwide. Groundwater is commonly used for drinking; naturally, small amounts of these elements enter the human body and get safely excreted in the urine. Only a small fraction enters the breast milk – and the levels found in this study are about six times lower than WHO's safe limit for drinking water. Thus, compared to an adult who drinks a large quantity of water, the total amount of uranium consumed by a baby through breast milk is extremely small."

The actual immediate danger, he says, is that people might misunderstand or misinterpret the study, and stop breast-feeding in panic. Insufficient breast-feeding is a major cause of infant mortality, infections, and malnutrition, Dr. Jayadevan says. Therefore, while reporting the study, it must be emphasised that breast-feeding is safe.

Periodic groundwater studies must be conducted to ensure that concentrations of metals and other contaminants do not exceed 'safe' limits in the food chain. The paper calls for future studies with larger sample sizes and environmental uranium profiling (in water, soil, and diet). Isotope-specific measurements are warranted to better understand maternal-infant uranium kinetics in exposed populations. Further studies are being planned to study uranium contamination in breast milk in other States.

# *Striking a balance in a divided nation*

## Justice Surya Kant

The new Chief Justice of India, who will serve until February 2027, believes that justice is not merely about resolving disputes, but about 'protecting the innocent from being lost in the storms of circumstance'

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**

Chief Justice of India Surya Kant once described India's post-independence journey as the uncertain steps of a young nation evolving into the confident stride of a "force of consequence". The characterisation mirrors his own personal odyssey from the winding lanes of Petwar village in Haryana to the pinnacle of the Indian judiciary.

The audience in the chandeliered Ganatantra Mandap at Rashtrapati Bhavan, where he took the oath of office in Hindi on November 24, reflected a microcosm of his journey. Village elders, teachers, family and friends from Hisar, where he started his professional career and somewhere along the way lost his caste name 'Sharma', sat with foreign judges and high dignitaries.

Unlike his predecessors, who were variously seen as savvy, privileged or outspoken, Chief Justice Kant's decisions and conduct on the Bench reflect a conscious effort to strike a balance grounded in good sense. At a time when the Supreme Court is moving towards more technology-driven solutions, Justice Kant chooses to remind everyone that justice is a "profoundly human enterprise" that no machine can replicate.

When cases worth crores elbow each other to get his attention on the Bench for an early hearing or a favourable order, Justice Kant cautions he is here for the "smallest litigant in the last row". He argues that when law cultivates empathy for the "invisible victims" and intertwines lived realities, it ceases to be abstract and turns inclusive. Yet, the Supreme Court Collegium of which he has been a part and which he now leads, was unable to walk the talk on inclusivity and agree on a woman judge for Supreme Court.

In Justice Kant's court, justice is not quick, but slow and sure. A nudge here, a poke there, but relief at the end. His oral observations in court may at times come across as harsh though balance is regained in the final order.

Take the case of former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma in July 2022. She was facing multiple FIRs in various States for her derogatory comments on Prophet Mohammed. The televised remarks had triggered violence. Justice Kant had remarked sharply, "this lady is single-handedly responsible for what is happening in the country". Eighteen days later, his Bench directed that no coercive police action should be taken against Ms. Sharma.

In his six years on the Supreme Court Bench, Justice Kant has not been shy to shift his point of view. He cancelled the bail granted by the Allahabad High Court in a "tearing hurry" to Ashish Mishra, then Union Minister's son and prime accused in the Lakhimpur Kheri killings case. The prosecution case centred on the SUV belonging to Mishra's convoy mowing down farmers protesting controversial agricultural laws at a rally in Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh in 2021.

### Perceptive judge

In a 24-page judgment, Justice Kant, then a puisne judge, came down heavily on the High Court for denying the victims a chance to participate in the bail proceedings: "Victims certainly cannot be expected to be sitting on the fence and watching the proceedings from afar... It is the solemn duty of a court to deliver justice before the memory of an injustice eclipses". However, months later, Mishra was granted interim bail by Justice Kant's Bench; he also granted relief to four farmers languishing as undertrials in a counter FIR connected to the main Lakhimpur Kheri case.

Records of court hearings of his early years in the Supreme Court profile a perceptive judge who asked unfiltered questions to the power corridors. The Pegasus case hearings in 2021 found Justice Kant, a puisne judge on the Chief Justice Bench, insist that the government come clean on whether the Israel-origin, military-grade spyware violated citizens' privacy.

However, earlier this year, when the case came up again for hearing, Justice Kant, now heading a Bench and poised to take over as top judge, changed course. This time his questions were directed at the petitioners instead of the government. One of them was "what is wrong if the country used that spyware for security reasons against anti-national elements?" The hearing was held a few days after the April 2025 Pahalgam terror attack.

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In 2021, Justice Kant was one of the judges on the Bench which ordered the suspension of the sedition provision (Section 124A) of the erstwhile Indian Penal Code. Four years later, in 2025, Justice Kant, now heading the Bench, turned around to question if potential abuse of Section 152, a provision which criminalises acts endangering national sovereignty and considered a replacement of the previous sedition law, by the state could be a ground for declaring the provision unconstitutional. But the hearing also saw Justice Kant protect the petitioner-journalists from imminent arrest for the publication of a critical article, noting that "mere dissent cannot endanger sovereignty".

Justice Kant gave interim bail to academician Ali Khan Mahmudabad, hounded by the Haryana Police, for his social media posts on the sufferings caused by war and Operation Sindoor. But the judge also suspected the academician of "dog whistling" and formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of senior police officers to scour his online posts for "dual meaning". But again, somehow, the order in Mahmudabad case came across as an effort to level the scales with an earlier direction, passed only a couple of days back, to form a similar SIT to go through the remarks made by a Madhya Pradesh Minister Vijay Shah about Col. Sofiya Qureshi. Justice Kant had termed the remarks of the BJP leader "crass, thoughtless".

### Need for transparency

Justice Kant had also realised the immediate need for transparency in the Special Intensive Revision exercise in Bihar, keeping the adjudication on the question of constitutionality of the process for later. The Presidential Reference Bench which he shared tries hard at equilibrium, opining that Governors cannot be fettered to timelines but States could seek judicial review in cases of glaring delays to clear pending Bills.

Justice Kant's seeming efforts at balance in justice administration is at odds with the clear-cut political and ideological divisions in society. Justice B.R. Gavai, during a conversation on the day of his retirement as the Chief Justice of India, said the angst judges face in present-day India is that "if you do not decide against the government, you are not a good judge".

Justice Kant recounts his first case as a High Court judge, a cross-border custody dispute involving two minor children. Their parents, separated by national boundaries and strained by years of litigation, stood on opposite sides of the courtroom. Justice Kant was struck most by the quiet anguish of the children in that charged atmosphere, their anxious eyes shifting from one lawyer to the other.

He said, at that moment, "the grandeur of the law felt deeply personal, and the magnitude of my responsibility settled in. I realised then that justice is not only about resolving disputes, but about protecting the innocent from being lost in the storms of circumstance".

Chief Justice Kant has time till February 9, 2027, an ample window to prove he is there for innocents "lost in the storms of circumstance", like the crores of voters caught in the 'SIR' cyclone.

### THE GIST

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# *Fragile frontier*

## The Durand Line

The colonial-era boundary, which Afghanistan doesn't recognise today, remains a source of contention between Kabul and Islamabad

**Sruthi Darbhamulla**

AP

Conflict has flared once again between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Taliban claimed that Pakistan carried out air strikes inside its territory, killing 10 people near the Durand Line, in the intervening night of November 24 and 25. The strikes reportedly took place in Paktika, Khost and Kunar provinces.

At the centre of the hostilities is the contentious Durand Line, the international border between the two nations delineated in 1893 by an agreement between the British and Abdur Rahman Khan, the then-emir of Afghanistan.

It stretches from the border with Iran in the west to China's border in the east, spanning 2,600 km through the Karakoram range to the Registan desert. The border was established pre-partition in 1893 as the border between British India and the Emirate of Afghanistan, and is named after Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, former foreign secretary of the [British] government of India.

Afghanistan, at the heart of Asia, assumed great strategic importance in the 1800s, caught in the crosshairs of the Great Game between Russia and the British Empire for control of Central Asia. British forces invaded Afghanistan in 1839, in what was later called the First Anglo-Afghan War, in a bid to prevent Russia from expanding southwards. They were, however, pushed back by Pashtun forces.

In 1878, the British invaded Afghanistan again, and emerged victorious in what was the second Anglo-Afghan War. The following year, Yaqub Khan signed the Treaty of Gandamak, handing over Afghan foreign policy to the British in exchange for protection, withdrawal and a promise of non-interference in internal affairs.

In 1893, Sir Henry Mortimer Durand negotiated with Emir Abdul Rahman Khan to delineate a boundary between Afghanistan and India. The resultant agreement was notably short, only seven clauses filling a page. The Durand Line itself was demarcated by a joint Afghan-British survey between 1894 and 1896. The exercise divided Pashtun areas and the tribes who depended on the region, granted Balochistan to British India and established the Wakhan corridor as the buffer zone between the Russian and British empires.

### Treaty of Rawalpindi

Afghan-British relations took a downturn post the death of Abdur Rahman Khan in 1901 and particularly after the assassination of his successor Habibullah in 1919. Amanullah, no friend to the British, came to the throne, and soon after, the third Anglo-Afghan War took place.

This war ended with the Treaty of Rawalpindi, which handed foreign policy control back to Afghanistan and reaffirmed the Durand Line.

Following the partition of India in 1947, Pakistan inherited the Durand Line Agreement, with three of its provinces lying along this border. However, Pashtuns on either side of the Durand Line sought independence and a sovereign state of Pashtunistan. Further, Afghanistan reneged on its acceptance of the Durand Line, declaring the agreement and the border delineated by it as void, the antique creation of a colonial government no longer in existence.

Successive regimes in Afghanistan, including the present-day Taliban government, have refused to accept the validity of the Durand Line. Afghanistan presses forward with its claims to Pashtun areas and Balochistan. Meanwhile, Pakistan commenced building a fence along this border in 2017, inviting further ire from its neighbour.

Uncertainty has persisted along the Durand Line, with insurgent movement and cross-border firing, during the Cold War era and beyond. Skirmishes earlier this year ended in a ceasefire brokered by Qatar in October. However, the mention of the Durand Line as a border in the ceasefire statement upset Afghan officials, prompting a revised statement from Qatar, seeking to "contribute to ending tensions between the two brotherly countries and form a solid foundation for sustainable peace in the region".

Now, escalating military presence and heightened surveillance threaten the timorous peace of an already fragile frontier.

# *Vital vanguard*

## Tejas

Despite the Dubai crash, HAL and the IAF remain firm that the fighter aircraft is safe, reliable and strategically crucial for India's air combat capability

**Saurabh Trivedi**

AFP

The crash of a Tejas Mk-1 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), at the Dubai Air Show on November 21, which resulted in the tragic death of Indian Air Force (IAF) pilot Wing Commander Namansh Syal, has sparked an intense debate over Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd's (HAL) capabilities and the government's commitment to indigenous defence manufacturing.

Officials from both HAL and the IAF, however, maintain that the Tejas platform remains one of the safest contemporary fighter aircraft in its class. Addressing the concerns at an event in Delhi on Friday, HAL chairman and managing director D.K. Sunil strongly defended the jet's track record. "There is absolutely no problem with Tejas; it is absolutely safe, and its safety record is the best in the world. What you saw in Dubai was an unfortunate incident," he said.

Aviation experts have echoed this view, advising against drawing premature conclusions. They note that modern fighter operations involve inherent risks, and isolated incidents should be evaluated in context. Many believe the Dubai crash is unlikely to impact Tejas's growing export potential.

The Dubai crash marks the second Tejas accident in less than two years. In March 2024, a Tejas fighter went down in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer – the first crash in the aircraft's 23-year flight history. Since its maiden test flight in 2001, the Tejas had maintained an unblemished record.

The long gap without major accidents had significantly strengthened confidence in the indigenous programme, which has been under development since the early 1980s.

The LCA was conceived as a replacement for the ageing MiG-21 fleet, which had served as the backbone of the IAF for decades. Over the years, the programme evolved through exhaustive testing, system upgrades and technological breakthroughs.

Today, the Tejas family includes several variants: the Mk1, Mk1A and the under-development Mk2, along with trainer and naval versions. The Mk1 is the initial production model currently operated by the IAF, while the Mk1A represents a substantial technological leap with its AESA radar, advanced electronic warfare suite, beyond-visual-range missile capability, mid-air refuelling system and reduced radar cross-section.

### Smallest and lightest

Tejas is the world's smallest and lightest supersonic fighter in its class. It features a delta-wing configuration and a quadruplex digital fly-by-wire flight control system, along with advanced flight control laws designed to enhance manoeuvrability.

With a maximum payload capacity of 4,000 kg and a maximum takeoff weight of 13,300 kg, the aircraft is designed primarily for air combat and offensive air support missions, with reconnaissance and anti-ship roles as secondary capabilities. The IAF currently flies the Mk1 with No. 45 Flying Daggers and No. 18 Flying Bullets squadrons at Sulur Air Force Station, with additional units planned in the coming years. A major milestone for the programme came in March 2024 when the first series production Mk1A completed its inaugural flight. HAL has since commissioned three dedicated production lines – two in Bengaluru and one in Nashik – to meet rising domestic and export demand.

Beyond the Mk1A, the more advanced Tejas Mk2 remains in development. Conceived in 2012 as a 4.5-generation fighter to replace the Mirage-2000, Jaguar and MiG-29 fleets, the Mk2 has seen repeated delays, with its first prototype now expected around 2026. Once operational, the Mk2 is expected to be the most capable indigenous fighter.

Despite the recent setback in Dubai, aviation analysts maintain that the Tejas programme represents a significant technological achievement and a critical pillar of India's aerospace ecosystem.

The coming months – particularly the findings of the Dubai crash investigation – will be crucial. However, for now, HAL and the IAF remain firm that Tejas continues to be a safe, reliable and strategically vital platform for India's air combat capability.

## INBRIEF

### Crisil raises GDP growth forecast to 7% in FY26

Crisil has raised its forecast for the country's GDP growth to 7% from 6.5% for the current financial year, following the first-half growth of 8% that exceeded expectations. Chief economist of Crisil, Dharmakriti Joshi, said India's real GDP growth stood at 8.2% in the second quarter, exceeding expectations. However, due to easing inflation, the nominal GDP growth was modest at 8.7%. According to Crisil, private consumption was the main driver of higher real GDP growth. PTI

### Centre appoints Vivek Chaturvedi as CBIC chief

The government has appointed IRS officer Vivek Chaturvedi as the Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). He succeeds Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, who superannuated. Mr. Chaturvedi, a 1990-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, is now a member of the CBIC Board. "Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Vivek Chaturvedi to the post of Chairman, CBIC," the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) order said. PTI

### Vidya Wires set IPO price band at ₹48-52 a share

Vidya Wires Ltd. said it is entering the capital market with a ₹300-crore initial public offer (IPO) in the price band of ₹48-₹52 a share with a face value of ₹1 each. The IPO will open on December 3 and close December 5. The IPO comprises fresh issue of up to ₹274 crore and an offer for sale of up to 5,001,000 shares estimated at about ₹26 crore. Vidya proposes to use net proceeds from the fresh issue for funding capital expenditure of ₹140 crore, repayment/prepayment, in full or part, of all or certain outstanding borrowings and general corporate purposes.

# Why is Govt. reviving the SCI?

Centre's announcement that state-owned Shipping Corporation would buy over 200 merchant ships marks a remarkable turnaround in the fortunes of this mini-ratna that once truly occupied the commanding heights of Indian shipping

**M. Kalyanaraman**
CHENNAI

At the recent India Maritime Week, the government announced that the state-owned Shipping Corporation (SCI) would buy more than 200 merchant ships of practically all types through joint ventures with respective stakeholders, mostly State-owned. This marks a remarkable turnaround in the fortunes of this mini-ratna that once truly occupied the commanding heights of Indian shipping, but had fallen into prolonged decay and was on the verge of privatisation for some five years.

The recent geopolitical changes that have taken place in the world have clearly illustrated the importance of having national shipping services, said Anil Devli, CEO of Indian National Shipowners Association. "This has led to a clear change of mind in the country about the emerging importance of merchant navy for the economic security of India."

**Our own:** Recent geopolitical changes clearly illustrate the importance of national shipping services, says Devli. VIBHU H

**India's pride**

With a fleet of more than 120 ships, SCI was among the biggest ship owners in the world. It had even made tentative forays into container shipping.

Cabotage rules favoured SCI. Further, it had the first rights to India's oil needs and, therefore, tankers dominated its fleet. A high point was SCI buying exactly the same number of new-built tankers as there were Param Veer Chakra awardees in one go from Korea. Not just military personnel, SCI ships honoured India's saints too - Kabirdas, Ramdas and Ravidas transited the Suez Canal to call on Venice, Antwerp and Rotterdam.

SCI ships often featured the latest. If an engine maker in Germany introduced a new engine, it would be fitted in an SCI ship soon.

As a government firm, SCI often served national needs overriding commercial interests. It carried migrant workers from the mainland to the Andamans at discounted rates. It ordered new ships to be built in Indian yards despite cost overruns and delays.

SCI could be trusted to bring in goods for the armed forces without a charter party. During the Iran-Iraq war, the black hull of SCI oil tankers carried the word, INDIA, in bold white so the warring parties didn't rain missiles on a friendly Hindi ship.

SCI was home to and training ground for thousands of seafaring engineers, navigating officers and ratings who would often move on to lucrative careers in foreign vessels and bring in billions of dollars of foreign exchange.

**Dawn of liberalisation**

As liberalisation-privatisation-globalisation triad took hold across nations in the 1990s, SCI's downfall began. Under the World Trade Organization's (WTO) General Agreement and Trade and Services, India had to commit to principles such as Most Favoured Nation applying to national maritime carriers in foreign trade for exim cargo though cabotage rules on local cargo were not required to be relaxed.

A series of deliberate government policies let SCI slip, starting with the erasure of its right of refusal over India's oil needs. New ships were not ordered.

SCI's tanker fleet dwindled drastically with total fleet strength halved. And the average age of an SCI ship stands at 18 years - merchant ships are candidates for scrapping when they cross 20. "In the past, Indian ships including SCI vessels carried up to 27% of all India's exim cargo and this came down to 7%," says Amitabh Kumar, retired DG Shipping. In 2019, SCI privatisation seemed like a sure shot although Covid put off those plans.

**Strategic value**

Mr. Kumar explains how the pandemic disrupted global shipping. Container freight rates skyrocketed, as port delays mounted and voyage durations rose. Indian exports such as shrimp or rice to African countries that were typically high-volume, low-margin, were affected since exporters couldn't afford the high prices. At the same time, European nations and the U.S. were able to afford those rates. Container ships started skipping third world ports.

Mr. Kumar adds imports too were affected similarly.

India had little or no container ships of its own that the government could ensure called on ports that mattered for Indian trade.

**Worldwide trend**

Post-pandemic, the "so-called free trade regime" sought to be ushered in by GATS went out of vogue across the world, says Sukumar Muralidharan, an independent researcher and writer who has written extensively on global trade, investment and political economy.

Covid exposed the shortcomings of the practices and there has been an increase in State-driven initiatives in business across the world, he says, adding in the U.S., this started with the Biden administration driving major investments in semiconductor industry due to its strategic value. Expanding the initiative, the business-friendly second Trump administration not only raised tariff walls throwing the concept of Most Favoured Nation to the winds but so far spent nearly $10 billion buying stakes in companies it considered had strategic value.

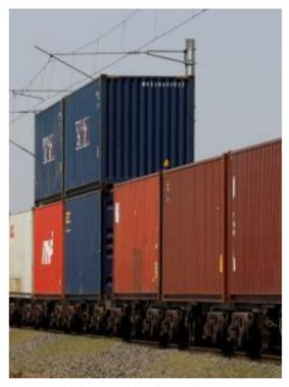
In India, the SCI has become the object of attention of the government. Thousands of crores from the Maritime Development Fund are being allocated to join ventures between SCI and other PSU stakeholders to purchase ships.

In the past, Indian shipowners had complained that PSU entities like the Container Corporation of India or the oil majors did not give them long-term contracts that would help them raise capital and purchase new ships.

But the SCI's joint ventures with these PSUs will ensure long-term backing although how many of these purchases would be new builds from Indian shipyards still remains a grey area.

"The build up of Indian tonnage will happen gradually. In any case, ship prices are at record high levels because of the prolonged bull run in global shipping after the pandemic disruption. Now is not a really good time for massive fleet expansion," adds Mr. Kumar.

Mr. Devli of INSA adds a caveat that measures to raise merchant ship cargo carrying capacity of India should be extended to private players as well.



Exports in October 2025 were $9.37 billion against $11.25 billion in October 2024.

### Engineering exports see a decline in 15 key markets

**M. Soundariya Preetha**
COIMBATORE

The 16.71 % decline of engineering exports in October 2025 as against October last year is driven by the fall in shipments to 15 of the 25 key destinations.

Among the export products, 23 of the 34 engineering panels registered year-on-year negative growth, according to trade analysis by the EEPC India.

Exports to the U.S., EU, and ASEAN markets have seen a drop.

"I think we are facing tougher competition from China and Vietnam who have also lost markets in the U.S. and are trying to make up in the Asian region," said Pankaj Chadha, chairman of EEPC India.

"The industry believes that trade diversion due to the U.S. tariffs is one of the reasons behind the declining exports. In this difficult time, we are thankful that the DGFT allocated more than ₹25,000 crore for Export Promotion Mission," said the EEPC India. Exports in October 2025 were $9.37 billion against $11.25 billion in October 2024.

# 'Depletion of ferrous scrap sources hugely challenging for India'

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

India's steel use is likely to grow to 390 MT by FY50.

The depletion of international ferrous scrap sources due to export curbs like those from the UAE and potential restrictions from the EU aimed at promoting a circular economy and tightening environmental criteria is creating a significant challenge for India, which is now scrap deficient, a top executive said.

To harness domestic scrap and meet the demand, which is projected to reach 65 million tonne (MT) annually by 2030 with a potential import gap of 20-30 MT, several already-initiated measures such as vehicle scrapping policy, recycling infrastructure development, policy support, among others, must be given more impetus said Vinaya Varma, MD, mjunction Services Ltd., a digital platform aiding transparent price discovery of metal scrap and other commodities.

"The Centre's vehicle scrapping policy, launched in 2021, aims at encouraging recycling and removing old, polluting vehicles from the roads, although its uptake is currently low. This is a key step to generating end-of-life vehicle (ELV) scrap and the process needs to be expedited.

Indian producers like Tata Steel have started establishing steel recycling plants to formalise and scale up the domestic processing of scrap," he said.

To deal with the issue the government is actively promoting the shift to Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) steel making, which uses scrap as primary feedstock, he said adding companies like mjunction are building AI-driven digital platforms to bridge the demand-supply gap by organising scrap procurement.

**Future scrap sources**

Underscoring the need to find future scrap sources he said, "As society matures, the domestic scrap generation is expected to grow, moving beyond vehicles to include white goods, air-conditioners, and refrigerators, which will gradually reduce import dependency.

"The government is mulling scrappage recommendations for white goods also.

"The CERC has noted the National Electricity Plan may recommend retiring thermal plants over a certain age, such as 25 years," he added.

India's steel consumption, which stands at 152 million metric tonne (MT), is projected to grow to 220 MT by FY30, 260 MMT by 2035 and 390 MT by FY50.

This surge is primarily driven by massive government initiatives in infrastructure, Mr. Varma said.

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## From parallel industries to a unified ecosystem: BRIDGE Summit 2025 sets the stage for a connected future in media, content, and entertainment

BRIDGE Summit

For all the talk of a hyperconnected world, the industries shaping how societies communicate rarely occupy the same space. Media, entertainment, gaming, technology, and fast-growing digital platforms are advancing at a pace unthinkable a decade ago. Yet their growth has created a paradox: a world overflowing with content but increasingly short on coherence.

More platforms mean more choice, but less orientation, and audiences feel this first. A political speech appears as a live broadcast, a meme, a short video, and an AI-generated summary. A song goes viral in a game long before reaching traditional channels. Recommendation engines shape what millions see. Innovation is plentiful, but increasingly layered with noise. For the industries behind this ecosystem, fragmentation is even more pronounced. Declining trust in news, unstable streaming models, social media volatility, and algorithm-driven churn have pushed each sector to respond in isolation. In India - one of the world's largest and most diverse media markets - these pressures are sharply visible, from newsroom battles with disinformation to debates over platform governance.

**So, in a world full of walls, the United Arab Emirates chooses to build a bridge- one designed for ideas, industries, and the future of the global content economy.**

It is into this fragmented environment that BRIDGE Summit 2025 is being introduced. Abu Dhabi's brainchild and described as the 'largest debut media gathering in the world', the Summit attempts to bring together fields that rarely sit at the same table despite shaping global culture in overlapping ways. From 8–10 December at ADNEC, the gathering will welcome 60,000 participants from 132 countries, including 1,200 CEOs, 260 advertising agencies, and nearly 5,000 media professionals across more than 300 sessions.

Its proposition is simple: if the future of influence emerges where industries intersect, those intersections need a platform.

**A global media landscape in transition**

For more than a century, media sectors evolved separately - journalism, cinema, music, gaming, advertising, academia. That architecture no longer holds. Information now flows across categories with unprecedented fluidity. This convergence brings opportunity but also exposes profound disparities, particularly in the Global South, where innovation outpaces regulation and digital access remains uneven.

BRIDGE positions itself as a space to examine these shifts collectively; not as a festival or trade fair, but as a long-term architecture for collaboration.

Also, trust in news is declining. Streaming models face uncertainty. Social networks and short-form video have transformed attention. Artificial intelligence is reshaping authorship, verification, and intellectual property. These pressures vary across markets, and India, despite its vast digital audience, continues to grapple with affordability, governance, and representation.

BRIDGE does not claim to solve these challenges. It offers something increasingly rare: a venue for policymakers, technologists, creators, investors, and cultural institutions to examine them together.

**An ecosystem, not an event**

BRIDGE operates as a multi-layered ecosystem, offering co-production labs, regulatory exchanges, research partnerships, and accelerators for frontier innovation, and the Summit is the most visible expression of this architecture. With more than 150 companies selected amongst 1,000 applicants, and over 100 startups working across AI, immersive media, cultural tech, and next-generation storytelling, it provides a working model of what a converging content economy might look like in practice.

**Seven tracks for a more connected media future and a shared content economy**

Organized into seven tracks - Media, Music, Picture, Gaming, Technology, Marketing, and the Creator Economy - the Summit encourages sector-crossing conversations. AI researchers study impacts on filmmaking and fact-checking. Musicians explore platform logic and discovery. Gaming studios examine narrative behaviour. Marketers explore trust in an algorithmic era.

Across these intersections the one truth that emerges is this: content is no longer the product of separate industries but the connective tissue of the global digital economy. And, BRIDGE Summit's design reflects this philosophy.

News labs sit adjacent to AI studios. Creator hubs share space with gaming environments. Policy dialogues unfold alongside workshops on machine learning, immersive narratives, and audience intelligence.

**An early step, not a definitive answer**

While no single platform can resolve global media fragmentation, BRIDGE offers a reference point: a vocabulary, a structure, and an environment where shared thinking can begin.

As ideas move faster than regulation and audiences shift across platforms in real time, coherence will not come from any one institution. It will emerge at intersections - where industries choose to meet rather than drift apart.

BRIDGE Summit 2025 is one of those intersections. A bridge may not be the destination, but it reshapes what becomes reachable - and who can reach it together.

Further details are available at **worldmediabridge.com.**

AGAM

## Toll in Indonesia mudslip reaches 279; state of emergency declared

AP

Rescue teams in Indonesia battled floods and landslides in North Sumatra and Aceh on Saturday, where 279 people died and over 170 remained missing. Damaged roads, heavy rain, and lack of equipment hampered rescue efforts. Thousands were displaced, prompting declaration of state of emergency until December 11. AP

BANGKOK

## Thai PM acknowledges failures in flood response as toll rises to 162

AFP

Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul on Saturday outlined recovery and compensation plans for the southern part of the country, where severe flooding has killed at least 162 people. Amid widespread criticism, he said that he acknowledged the government's shortcomings in flood management. AP

WASHINGTON

## Venezuela airspace should be considered 'closed', says Trump

REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump warned on Saturday that the airspace above and near Venezuela should be considered closed. "To all Airlines, Pilots, Drug Dealers, and Human Traffickers," Mr. Trump wrote on Truth Social, "please consider THE AIRSPACE ABOVE AND SURROUNDING VENEZUELA TO BE CLOSED IN ITS ENTIRETY." AFP

GIESSEN

## German far-right party gathers to set up youth wing as protest surges

AFP

A confident far-right Alternative for Germany gathered on Saturday to found its new youth organisation as thousands of protesters converged on the western city of Giessen, some of them clashing with police. The new youth organisation's predecessor, the Young Alternative was dissolved at the end of March. AP

# Cyclone death toll climbs to 159; Sri Lanka declares emergency to expedite response

Torrential rain over the last few days, strong winds, severe flooding and landslides forced over one lakh people out of their homes and into state-run safety centres; according to the Disaster Management Centre, 203 people were reported missing and over 2 lakh families have been severely affected

**Meera Srinivasan**
COLOMBO

The death toll from the devastation caused by Cyclone Ditwah in Sri Lanka climbed to 159 on Saturday, while President Anura Kumara Dissanayake declared a state of emergency to expedite rescue and relief efforts.

Torrential rain over the last few days, strong winds, severe flooding and landslides forced over one lakh people out of their homes and into state-run safety centres. According to the Disaster Management Centre, 203 people were reported missing as of Saturday evening. More than two lakh families – nearly eight lakh people – across the island nation have been severely affected by the cyclone, whose full impact is yet to unfold.

The emergency regulations aim to speed up decision-making and action at district level, officials said, although rights activists cautioned that some provisions may impinge on human rights.

Kandy district in the island's Central Province and Badulla in the Uva Province have recorded the highest number of fatalities so far. "The main problem is that many families do not have electricity, water or mobile networks, so we have no way of accessing the latest news or updates," said Ruki Fernando from near Kandy town. "Without water for even basic use, many were collecting rainwater. We are also seeing long queues for bread because people can't cook at home," he told *The Hindu* over a patchy line, while charging his phone at a supermarket.

**Rescue efforts:** Volunteers help a boat to move through a flooded road after heavy rainfall in Kaduwela, Colombo on Saturday. AFP

Those in towns and cities are relatively better off, with some access to shops and food outlets, but conditions in the tea estates, including in Badulla, are far worse, Mr. Fernando pointed out. "There is no electricity, no phone connection and no access. Even on a good day, they lack basic facilities, so when a disaster strikes you can imagine how much harder it will be for them," he said, referring to the plight of Malaiyaha Tamils residing in estate areas, among the poorest communities in Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile, authorities said they have urged telecom service providers to launch an urgent operation to restore telephone, mobile and internet connections that snapped over the last few days, even as millions – including tourists – struggle to contact their families and friends from badly affected areas.

Several Sri Lankans in severely flooded areas reported prolonged power and water supply cuts. The Ceylon Electricity Board told local daily *The Morning* that nearly 25% of its seven million customers had lost electricity owing to the severe weather.

Rescue efforts by the Sri Lankan military, aided by their Indian counterparts and, in many cases, local communities, continued through Saturday amid reports of landslides.

## Taliban facilitating terrorists' infiltration across border: Pak.

**Press Trust of India**
ISLAMABAD

Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry

The Pakistan Army has alleged that the Afghanistan Taliban was facilitating terrorists to infiltrate the border for carrying out acts of terror in the country.

Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry, who is head of the army's media wing the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), made the allegation during an interaction with presspersons on Tuesday, a video of which was released on Friday evening.

According to the spokesperson, the Afghan Taliban forces open fire at Pakistani border posts, "providing a cover for illegal infiltration of terrorists and even smugglers into Pakistan".

"Borders are always mutually guarded. Both countries [guard] them. Now on the other side is such a country whose posts first engage your posts through fire and an exchange begins. And then they have them (terrorists) pass from the gaps in between," Lt Gen Chaudhry said.

"There are extremely coordinated attacks. [They] attack the posts and have smugglers' vehicles pass from below," the military spokesperson said.

## Israel kills 2 Palestinian children in the latest test of Gaza ceasefire

**Associated Press**
DEIR AL-BALAH

Israeli fire killed two Palestinian children in the southern Gaza Strip on Saturday, a hospital reported, marking the latest deaths of Palestinians as a shaky ceasefire with Hamas held.

The two brothers, aged 11 and 8, died when an Israeli drone struck close to a school sheltering displaced people in the town of Beni Suhaila, according to staff at Nasser Hospital, which received the bodies. The Israeli military did not immediately comment on the killings.

**At least 352 Palestinians have been killed since the truce took effect on October 10**

At least 352 Palestinians have been killed across the territory since the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas took effect on October 10, according to Gaza's Health Ministry.

The Ministry, part of a Hamas-run government, does not differentiate between civilians and combatants, though it is staffed by medical professionals and maintains detailed records viewed as generally reliable by the international community.

Israel says the strikes are aimed at militants violating the truce. Both Israel and Hamas have accused the other of violating the deal.

Hamas once again called mediators on Saturday to pressure Israel to stop what it called ceasefire violations in Gaza following the killing of the two children.

## Draft law on conscripting Ultra-Orthodox Jews into military reignites row in Israel

**Agence France-Presse**
JERUSALEM

A new draft law on conscripting ultra-Orthodox Jews, whose support is crucial for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, has sparked uproar in Israel, with the Opposition denouncing it as a special privilege for "draft-dodgers".

Under a ruling established at the time of Israel's creation in 1948, men who devote themselves full-time to studying sacred Jewish texts are given a de facto pass from mandatory military service. But this exemption has come under mounting scrutiny from the rest of Israeli society.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews carry a banner that reads, 'to prison and not the army', as they rally against Israeli military conscription. REUTERS

The ultra-Orthodox make up 14% of Israel's Jewish population.

Two ultra-Orthodox parties rejected a draft Bill in July that would have seen an increasing number of ultra-Orthodox men enlisted each year, and financial penalties for those who refuse to comply.

On Thursday, a new draft was put forward by Boaz Bismuth, the chairman of Parliament's cross-party foreign affairs and defence committee, which rolls back significantly from the previous text.

The new proposal includes only minimal penalties for ultra-Orthodox draft dodgers.

Lawmakers will debate the text on Monday.

## Ukrainian forces fighting in Kupiansk: commander

**Reuters**

Ukrainian forces are defending their positions and hunting down sabotage groups in the northeastern city of Kupiansk despite Moscow's statements that its troops are fully in control of it, Ukraine's top commander Oleksandr Syrskyi said on Friday.

He added that Ukrainian forces were "holding designated lines and intensifying fire pressure to block the enemy's supply routes".

# Sport

## Piastri wins Qatar GP sprint, trims Norris' lead to 22 points

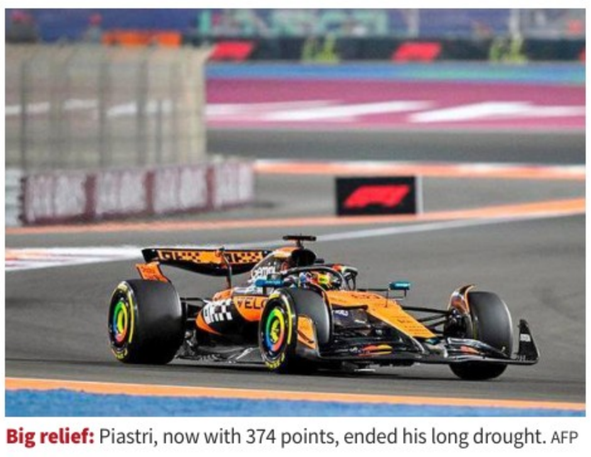
FORMULA ONE

**Reuters**
DOHA

McLaren's Oscar Piastri ended a long victory drought with a pole-to-flag victory in the Qatar GP sprint race on Saturday to trim teammate Lando Norris' Formula One championship lead to 22 points.

George Russell of Mercedes finished second, 4.951s behind the Australian, whose win was his first of any sort since the Dutch Grand Prix at the end of August but third Qatar sprint success in three years.

Norris started and finished third with Red Bull's four-time world champion Max Verstappen fourth and now 25 points adrift.



**Big relief:** Piastri, now with 374 points, ended his long drought. AFP

Norris has 396 points with Piastri on 374 and Verstappen on 371 with 50 remaining to be won, but only 25 after Sunday.

"I think the last couple of weekends has just been things going wrong rather than a lack of pace," Piastri said after 19 laps of the floodlit Lusail circuit.

"Here, everything's gone smoothly so far, and the pace has been strong. It's a track I've enjoyed in the past, and I'm enjoying it again, clearly."

## Janewattananond and Supupramai on top

**C. Shyam Sundar**
AHMEDABAD

The Thai duo of Poosit Supupramai and Jazz Janewattananond surged to the joint lead with scores of 201 after the third round of the Bharath Classic 2025 at the Kensville Golf Resort on Saturday.

Amateur Ishaan Chawhan, navigating his way back into the game after a series of injuries in the last three years, was the top Indian. He was three shots behind the Thai golfers, and in joint third place alongside Heemin Chang (Korea) and Panuphol Pittayarat (Thailand).

Janewattananond had the best score of the day, at 65, while his compatriot had an ace on the 16th and a birdie on the 18th. Chawhan, who was sixth overnight, shot 68, his third straight round in the 60s.

Janewattananond. VIJAY SONEJI

The inaugural $500,000 Bharath Classic is joint-sanctioned by the Asian Tour and the Indian Golf Premier League Tour.

*(The writer is in Ahmedabad at the invitation of the Indian Golf Premier League).*

## City escapes with a win over Leeds; Barcelona beats Alaves

EURO LEAGUES

**Agencies**
LONDON

Manchester City squandered a two-goal lead before grabbing a stoppage-time winner through Phil Foden to seal a 3-2 victory over Leeds in the Premier League on Saturday. City relied largely on Foden to overcome a team languishing in the relegation zone.

Dani Olmo struck twice for Barcelona to take the Catalans provisionally top of LaLiga with a 3-1 win over Alaves.

Bundesliga leader Bayern Munich needed stoppage-time goals from Luis Diaz and Nicolas Jackson to beat St. Pauli 3-1, coming from behind for the second straight week.

**Linchpin:** Foden, right, was the cornerstone of City's victory. AP

**Top results: Premier League:** Brentford 3 (Thiago 81-pen, 86, Ouattara 90+3) bt Burnley 1 (Flemming 85-pen); Manchester City 3 (Foden 1, 90+1, Gvardiol 25) bt Leeds 2 (Calvert-Lewin 49, Nmecha 68); Sunderland 3 (Le Fee 30-pen, Traore 46, Brobbey 69) bt Bournemouth 2 (Adli 7, Adams 15).

**Serie A:** Genoa 2 (Colombo 40, Thorsby 62) bt Verona 1 (Belghali 21).

**LaLiga:** Getafe 1 (Arrambarri 56) bt Elche 0; Barcelona 3 (Yamal 8, Olmo 26, 90+3) bt Alaves 1 (Ibanez 1).

**Bundesliga:** Borussia Moenchengladbach 0 drew with Leipzig 0; Bayern Munich 3 (Guerreiro 44, Diaz 90+3, Jackson 90+6) bt St. Paul 1 (Hountondji 6).

SPECIAL ABILITY

## Kohli is a master at taking singles in the ODI format, reckons Rahul

R.V. MOORTHY

India captain K.L. Rahul stated that Virat Kohli's ability to rotate the strike makes him special in ODIs. "Taking singles is as important as hitting boundaries in ODI cricket. Virat has done this so well over his career. It's something that we've tried to learn. He's obviously the master at doing that in ODI cricket," Rahul said.

WARY OF RO-KO

## 'Rohit, Kohli are dangerous players who can cause a lot of damage'

FILE PHOTO

South Africa batting coach Ashwell Prince is wary of the threat posed by senior Indian batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. "When you add those two names to the line-up, we expect to see a full house tomorrow (on Sunday). They are two vastly experienced and dangerous players who can cause a lot of damage," Prince said.

SURPRISE MOVE

## Faf du Plessis opts out of IPL auction, to play in PSL

FILE PHOTO: SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

Faf du Plessis said on Saturday that he won't be part of the upcoming IPL auction. The 41-year-old has instead opted to play in the PSL. This decision comes after 14 seasons in the IPL, during which he played for Chennai Super Kings, Rising Pune Supergiant, Royal Challengers Bengaluru, and Delhi Capitals.

TRIUMPHANT OUTFIT

## Pakistan outplays Sri Lanka, emerges tri-series champion

AP

Pakistan beat Sri Lanka by six wickets to clinch the T20 tri-series in Rawalpindi on Saturday. The host chased down the target of 115 with eight balls to spare. **The scores:** Sri Lanka 114 in 19.1 overs (Kamil Mishara 59, Shaheen Afridi 3/18, Mohammad Nawaz 3/17) lost to Pakistan 118/4 in 18.4 overs (Babar Azam 37 n.o.).

# Opportunity for Team India to bounce back and alleviate pain

The presence of Rohit and Kohli should lift the mood in the home camp after a disastrous Test series; an almost full-strength South Africa likely to pose serious challenge in the ODIs as well; southpaw Tilak could bat at No. 4

SA IN INDIA

**Ashwin Achal**
RANCHI

India's crippling loss in the Test series against South Africa will sting, for quite a while. Talk of wholesale personnel changes and systemic failures has only just begun, and the chatter is bound to get louder.

In the midst of crisis, the white-ball leg, which commences with the first ODI at the JSCA International Stadium here on Sunday, serves as a temporary distraction.

Head coach Gautam Gambhir, who has taken the brunt of the blow for India's red-ball debacles, must now focus on salvaging some positives from this visit by the South Africans.

To have Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli around should lift the mood in the camp. The duo – now playing only the ODI format – turned the clock back with an unbroken partnership to guide India past Australia in Sydney last month.

K.L. Rahul, the stand-in captain, welcomed the return of Rohit and Kohli. "To have senior players in the team obviously makes the dressing room feel a lot more confident. Just having their presence and experience helps out a lot of players in the dressing room. We're really happy that they're here," Rahul said on Saturday.

Kohli, in particular, has a fantastic record at this venue – scoring two centuries and a fifty in his five ODI outings here.

Kohli and Rohit must shoulder added responsibility, given that two top-order slots have been left vacant due to injuries to Shubman Gill and Shreyas Iyer.

Gill's absence provides an excellent chance for Yashasvi Jaiswal to showcase his skills. A naturally attacking opener, Jaiswal has played only one ODI thus far. Big scores in this three-match series could see the southpaw carve a niche for himself in the 50-over format.

With Rahul keen to continue batting at No. 6, Tilak Varma could take Iyer's spot at No. 4. Tilak sent down a few offies at the nets on Saturday – a valuable, additional trait that could help him grab a spot in the XI.

Left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh, who has featured in 11 ODIs, leads the bowling attack.

**A blessing in disguise?** The absence of Gill provides Jaiswal a chance to showcase his skills in the one-dayers. R.V. MOORTHY

South Africa, riding high on confidence, is at near full strength. Kagiso Rabada is the lone absentee (rib injury), but the side has ample pace fillers in Lungi Ngidi, Nandre Burger and Corbin Bosch.

### Solid pair

Captain Temba Bavuma will relish batting alongside old mate Quinton de Kock – a tried and tested combination in the PowerPlay.

Aiden Markram and Matthew Breetzke, who has made a bright start to his ODI career, complete a stacked top-order.

Can India ease the pain ever so slightly with a stellar effort?

**The teams (from): India:** K.L. Rahul (Capt.), Rohit Sharma, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Virat Kohli, Tilak Varma, Rishabh Pant, Washington Sundar, Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Nitish Reddy, Harshit Rana, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Prasidh Krishna, Arshdeep Singh, Dhruv Jurel.

**South Africa:** Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Ottneil Baartman, Corbin Bosch, Matthew Breetzke, Dewald Brevis, Nandre Burger, Quinton de Kock, Tony de Zorzi, Rubin Hermann, Keshav Maharaj, Marco Jansen, Aiden Markram, Lungi Ngidi, Ryan Rickelton, Prenelan Subrayen.

*Match starts at 1.30 p.m.*

## WPL 2026 Fixtures

TATA WPL 2026

Navi Mumbai will stage the opening 11 matches of the upcoming Women's Premier League season while Vadodara will host the remaining 11, including the Eliminator and the final. The top team qualifies directly for the summit clash on Feb. 5. The second and third-placed teams will contest in the Eliminator on Feb. 3 to earn the right to have a shot at the title

| DATE | HOME TEAM | AWAY TEAM | VENUE | TIME |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan 9 | Mumbai Indians | Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 10 | UP Warriorz | Gujarat Giants | Navi Mumbai | Afternoon |
| Jan 10 | Mumbai Indians | Delhi Capitals | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 11 | Delhi Capitals | Gujarat Giants | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 12 | Royal Challengers Bengaluru | UP Warriorz | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 13 | Mumbai Indians | Gujarat Giants | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 14 | UP Warriorz | Delhi Capitals | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 15 | Mumbai Indians | UP Warriorz | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 16 | Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Gujarat Giants | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 17 | UP Warriorz | Mumbai Indians | Navi Mumbai | Afternoon |
| Jan 17 | Delhi Capitals | Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Navi Mumbai | Evening |
| Jan 19 | Gujarat Giants | Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Vadodara | Evening |
| Jan 20 | Delhi Capitals | Mumbai Indians | Vadodara | Evening |
| Jan 22 | Gujarat Giants | UP Warriorz | Vadodara | Evening |
| Jan 24 | Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Delhi Capitals | Vadodara | Evening |
| Jan 26 | Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Mumbai Indians | Vadodara | Evening |
| Jan 27 | Gujarat Giants | Delhi Capitals | Vadodara | Evening |
| Jan 29 | UP Warriorz | Royal Challengers Bengaluru | Vadodara | Evening |
| Jan 30 | Gujarat Giants | Mumbai Indians | Vadodara | Evening |
| Feb 1 | Delhi Capitals | UP Warriorz | Vadodara | Evening |
| KNOCKOUTS | | | | |
| Feb 3 | – | Eliminator | Vadodara | Evening |
| Feb 5 | – | Final | Vadodara | Evening |

# India slams 17 past Oman; Australia edges Bangladesh

HOCKEY

**K. Keerthivasan**
CHENNAI

India steamrollered Oman 17-0 in a Pool-B match of the FIH junior men's hockey World Cup at the SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium here on Saturday for its second successive win.

It was a dominant performance from the host in all aspects against a team, which was a late replacement for Pakistan.

But the only concern was the inability to convert penalty corners, especially the first 10 PCs. It was only off the 11th that India was able to score through Anmol Ekka. In all, India had 19 penalty corners and converted only four.

Earlier, Bangladesh may have lost to Australia 5-3 in its first Pool-F tie, but it won the hearts of one and all. The debutant matched the former champion in the third and fourth quarters played under heavy showers.

Amirul Islam, who has played for the Bangladesh-senior team in the 2022 Asian Games and the 2025 Asia Cup, scored a hat-trick, all his goals coming through penalty corners.

### France routs Korea

Last edition's finalist France looks to be on a mission to burnish its credentials for the crown.

The French trounced South Korea 11-1 in a Pool-F contest. Arthur Plauche starred with a hat-trick.

**The results:**
**In Chennai: Pool-B:** Switzerland 3 (Jonathan Baumach 6, Jens Fleuck 17, Matlia Ribaudo 44) bt Chile 2 (Tomas Hasson 36, Felipe Duisberg 56); India 17 (Arshdeep Singh 3, 32, 39, Luwang Thounaojam Ingalemba 42, Gurjot Singh 38, 44, Manmeet Singh 25, 35, 49, Ajeet Yadav 33, 46, Dilraj Singh 28, 31, 49, 57, Anmol Ekka 28, Shardanand Tiwari 54) bt Oman 0.
**Pool-F:** Australia 5 (Oliver Will 1, Ian Grobelaar 17, Dylan Brick 21, Duncan Jackson 22, Daykin Stanger 47) bt Bangladesh 3 (Amirul Islam 13, 41, 58); France 11 (Gabin Lorrazuri 1, 48, Hugo Dolou 7, Arthur Plache 22, 25, 41, Achille Loussif 36, Tassilo Sura 42, Satint-Martin Victor 44, 54, Arthur Morcrette 58) bt South Korea 1 (Lee Gyeonghu 39).
**In Madurai: Pool-A:** South Africa 2 (Reuben Sendzul 43, Ross Montgomery 54) bt Ireland 1 (Matthew McKee 45).
Germany 7 (Quirin Nahr 14, Ben Hasbach 24, 51 & 52, Jonas von Gersum 39, Ferdinand Steinebach 39, Alec von Schwerin 42) bt Canada 0.
**Pool-E:** Netherlands 5 (Jan van't Land 2 & 49, Casper van der Veen 26, Joppe Wolbert 39, Danilo Trieling 54) bt England 3 (Kaden Draysey 11, Michael Royden 29, George Fletcher 49); Malaysia 5 (Harris Osman 28, Adam Johari 47, Naaveenesh Panicker 55, Danish Khairil 56 & 57) bt Austria 1 (Julian Kaiser 56).
**Sunday's matches: In Chennai:** Japan vs China (1.15 p.m.); New Zealand vs Argentina (3.30 p.m.); South Korea vs Bangladesh (5.45 p.m.); Australia vs France (8 p.m.).
**In Madurai:** Egypt vs Namibia (9 a.m.); Belgium vs Spain (11.15 a.m.); England vs Austria (1.30 p.m.); Malaysia vs Netherlands (3.45 p.m.).

**No stopping!** Ajeet scores one past the Oman goalkeeper. R. RAGU

# We are trying ways to play spin bowling better, says stand-in captain Rahul

**Ashwin Achal**
RANCHI

Stand-in captain K.L. Rahul admitted that the Indian team has struggled against spin, in the wake of the home Test defeats to New Zealand and South Africa.

"Obviously we have not been able to play spin bowling well in the last two (*sic*) Test series. We understand and recognise that. We are already trying to find ways how we can play spin bowling better," Rahul said at a press conference on the eve of the first India-South Africa ODI here.

Rahul added that his team is open to reaching out to past masters like Sunil Gavaskar on how to tackle the spinners effectively.

Rahul's own troubles against the slow bowlers came to the fore in the second innings of the second Test at Guwahati, when he lunged forward to off-spinner Simon Harmer and lost his stumps. The dismissal came about as a result of bad execution, Rahul said.

"There's no regret of not trying a different shot. There's a regret of executing. At that stage, it was the last few overs of the day. I don't think that is the right time for me to try and step down and hit the bowler for a boundary. I think defending was the right option, which I didn't do well enough," Rahul said.

The Karnataka player stated that he was happy to play in M.S. Dhoni's home town.

"We've all played under Dhoni. We've all been his fans. We've played together. We're all friends. If he comes to watch the match, the players and the crowd will get more excited".

**Eager to learn:** Rahul says his team is open to reaching out to past masters on how to tackle the tweakers effectively. R.V. MOORTHY

## Adaptability is important: SA batting coach Prince

**Ashwin Achal**
RANCHI

As a player, Ashwell Prince toured India for Test duty on two occasions. Both times (2008 and 2010), South Africa drew level 1-1. Now the South Africa batting coach, Prince, beamed with pride as his side blanked India 2-0 in the recent Test series.

"When you come to India, you prepare for a lot of spin bowling. But the mentality that you come with – that's important. Maybe in the past, it was foreign to us.

"These days, we have a lot more players touring India, albeit in shorter formats," Prince said here on Saturday.

"It is important for us to not preempt or premeditate how a pitch is going to play. A word that is important in our team is 'adaptability,'" Prince said.

Isaro and Poonacha.

## Poonacha & Isaro in Australian Open doubles main draw

**Sports Bureau**
BENGALURU

Niki Poonacha, partnering Thailand's Pruchya Isaro, secured a place in the 2026 Australian Open doubles main draw after winning the Asia-Pacific Wildcard Playoff in Chengdu, China.

In the final, the duo recorded a 6-4, 6-3 win over Japan's Seita Kusuhara and Katsuki Nakagawa to claim the wildcard.

As a mark of recognition, the Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association announced a reward of ₹1 lakh for Poonacha.

## INBRIEF

### India bags team silver in dressage at FEI Asian C'ships

India won the team silver in the dressage event at the FEI Asian Championships at Pattaya (Thailand) recently. Shruthi Vohra led with an impressive score, supported by Divyakriti Singh and Gaurav Pundir. Meanwhile, Shruti and her horse, Magnanimous, came up with another fantastic score in the intermediate 1 dressage test to clinch the individual silver as well.

### India trounces Canada, meets Belgium in the summit clash

The Indian men's hockey team thumped Canada 14-3 to top the pool standings of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in Ipoh on Saturday. India will play Belgium in Sunday's final.

### Karnataka thrashes Tripura by 10 wickets

Karnataka thrashed Tripura by 10 wickets in the BCCI under-23 women's T20 Trophy in Sultanpur.

**The scores:** Tripura 83/7 in 20 overs lost to Karnataka 84/0 in 9.2 overs (Niki Prasad 46 n.o.).

**SYED MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY — SUNDAY'S FIXTURES**

**Elite: Group A (Lucknow):** Assam vs. Railways, Chhattisgarh vs. Kerala, Odisha vs. Vidarbha, Andhra vs. Mumbai.
**Group B (Kolkata):** Chandigarh vs. Maharashtra, Goa vs. Hyderabad, Madhya Pradesh vs. Uttar Pradesh, Bihar vs. Jammu & Kashmir.
**Group C (Hyderabad):** Bengal vs. Punjab, Gujarat vs. Haryana, Pondicherry vs. Services, Baroda vs. Himachal Pradesh.
**Group D (Ahmedabad):** Jharkhand vs. Tripura, Karnataka vs. Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu vs. Uttarakhand, Delhi vs. Saurashtra.
**Plate (Pune):** Manipur vs. Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh vs. Meghalaya, Nagaland vs. Sikkim.

# Srikanth to take on Gunawan in the final

Both players battle past their opponents to make it to the summit clash; Unnati and Tanvi bow out; facile victory for Treesa-Gayatri duo

**BADMINTON**

**Uthra Ganesan**
LUCKNOW

K. Srikanth moved closer to his maiden World Tour title this year, entering the final of the Syed Modi India International 2025 with a jittery three game win against Mithun Manjunath here on Saturday to be the host's last remaining singles hope in the tournament.

Srikanth won 21-15, 19-21, 21-13 against his younger counterpart in just under an hour to set up a title clash with Jason Gunawan of Hong Kong. The latter survived a scare against Minoru Koga of Japan, losing the first game before recovering to dominate the second, reeling off 14 straight points and leading 11-0 in the decider before Koga withdrew.

Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand, meanwhile, stayed on course to defend their title with an easy 21-11, 21-15 win against the Malaysian pair of Xin Yee Ong and Carmen Ting, dominating from the start and keeping control of the match all through.

Unnati Hooda and Tanvi Sharma lost their respective semifinals to bow out of the competition in similar fashion, unforced errors and inconsistency taking their toll. While Tanvi lost to Japan's Hina Akechi 21-17, 21-16, Unnati went down to Neslihan Arin of Turkey 21-15, 21-10.

**Stretched:** Srikanth dug deep to get past Mithun. SANDEEP SAXENA

Tanvi's attempts to go wide did not work and her deceptive net play, usually on point, were ineffective against the quick-footed Hina. Unnati too suffered from too many shots going too wide, unable to control her shots against Neslihan, the Turkish 31-year-old making her first ever World Tour final. The longer the rallies went, the more in control Neslihan got, making Unnati work hard for every point.

Srikanth had to work hard for his points against Mithun before finding his rhythm in the decider and admitted it was tough. "There was a slight drift but not uncontrollable. But he played really well, like he always does against me. It was important for me to start well in the third game and minimise the mistakes and I was able to do that."

**The results (semifinals): Men:** K. Srikanth bt Mithun Manjunath 21-15, 19-21, 21-13; Jason Gunawan (Hkg) bt Minoru Koga (Jpn) 12-21, 21-8, 11-0 ret.; **Doubles:** Khai Xing Kang & Aaron Tai (Mas) bt Rodion Alimov & Maksim Ogloblin 21-15, 22-20; Weijie Chia & Sheng Hao Lwi (Mas) bt Mohd. Faiq & Hong Quan Lok (Mas) 21-5, 16-21, 21-17. **Women:** Hina Akechi (Jpn) bt Tanvi Sharma 21-17, 21-16; Neslihan Arin (Tur) bt Unnati Hooda 21-15, 21-10; **Doubles:** Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand bt Xin Yee Ong & Carmen Ting (Mas) 21-11, 21-15; Kaho Osawa & Mai Tanabe (Jpn) bt Ya Ching Hsu & Yu-Hsuan Sung (Tpe) 21-15, 21-19. **Mixed doubles:** Dejan Ferdinandsyah & Bernadine Wardana (Ina) bt Hariharan Amsakarunan & Treesa Jolly 21-17, 21-19; Pakkapon Teeraratsakul & Sapsiree Taerattanachai (Tha) bt Marwan Faza & Aisyah Pranata 21-10, 21-12.

**Need of the hour:** Jamil says it is important that the players get the chance to play competitive matches. PTI

# The delay of league season is not helping Indian football: Jamil

**Amitabha Das Sharma**
KOLKATA

The head coach of the senior men's football team, Khalid Jamil, felt that the resumption of the Indian Super League season is imperative to check the slide of the national team in the FIFA rankings. "I feel the ISL should resume at the earliest. It is important that the players get the chance to play enough competitive matches," Jamil said while addressing the media here on Saturday. "Development takes time, and we should have a positive frame of mind, which is necessary to ensure that everything gets back on track in time," Jamil added.

The Indian men's national football team, which recently suffered its second successive loss in the group stage of the Asian Cup qualification matches, slumped to 142 in the latest FIFA rankings. India, which rose to the 99th position in July 2023 after winning the SAFF championship, encountered a steep decline in the rankings after it started the Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers midway in 2024. The Blue Tigers suffered a 0-1 loss against Bangladesh in its latest outing and thereafter slumped to its lowest ranking in nearly a decade. "The rankings are a reflection of the team's performance over a period of time. The ranking does not always matter and what really counts is winning matches, for which, we must start working hard," Jamil said.

The National coach said it is time India broadened its squad by scouting talents from the youth teams and also by getting the Indian origin players from overseas. "We are thinking about inducting more under-23 and under-21 players in the national team. We will do the scouting once the ISL and the I-League get underway,"

Jamil hailed the arrival of Ryan Williams under the OCI (overseas citizenship of India) and said that inclusion of more such players will help the Indian team.

# Can Indian hoopsters beat Saudi Arabia?

**Joan Mathew Jacob**
CHENNAI

The Indian men's basketball team will look to avoid a third straight competitive defeat against Saudi Arabia when the two teams face off in the FIBA World Cup 2027 Asian Qualifiers Group D match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on Sunday. India will also be seeking a first-ever win against the Middle East nation, having lost all six previous meetings, including its opening qualifying clash 51-75 on Thursday.

While he has often described his side as a "shooting team", India head coach Scott Flemming conceded that a big chunk of India's troubles came from its offensive forays. Out of 71 field goal attempts (excluding free throws), India successfully passed the ball through the rim only 19 times, while its opponent managed 28 from 56 tries.

"One of our strengths is hitting threes, but we could not throw it in the basket the other night," Flemming said. He has brought in fresh faces like Baladhaneshwar Poiyamozhi, Aravind Annadurai and Amjyot Singh Gill, who is back from an injury.

Despite three teams from each of the four groups set to advance to the second round of qualifiers, India will have only two spots to fight for, after being drawn with host Qatar, which will automatically qualify irrespective of where it finishes after six matches.

## BENGALURU ROUND UP

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### Prabhav smashes 202

Prabhav Pyadh smashed a double century (202) as Rajajinagar Cricketers hammered Vikram CC by 305 runs in the KSCA (Group I) under-14 inter-club tournament.

**The scores:** Young Lions Club 346/6 in 50 overs (Yathin R. Gowda 91, Raunak Kumar Singh 141) bt Friends Union Cricketers, KGF 84 in 31.1 overs (Rahul Jena 4/2). Century Cricketers 188/8 in 50 overs (Sachith Shetty 71) bt The Bangalore Cricketers 148 in 45 overs (G. Lalitaditya 5/26). Rajajinagar Cricketers 441/3 in 50 overs (Prabhav Pydah 202, Jeevan 50, Aaryan Nagesh 123) bt Vikram 136 in 33.1 overs (Pratinav Paul 50).
Kapali 207/6 in 50 overs (U. Shreemano 84, H. Shajith 46 n.o.) bt Hammonds 206/9 in 50 overs (Sangeeta Rao Sashang 79, R. Lalithesh 66).
Coles 261/8 in 50 overs (Rajveer Kumar Rai 50, Dwit Shailesh Kukarvadiya 62, Eric Rupreo 70, Rishi Rege 3/35) lost to Cambridge 263/4 in 44.1 overs (Aryan Nagoji 83, M. Kanishk Reddy 70).
Johnson 152 in 49.2 overs (Divyam Kumawat 42) lost to Bangalore SC 153/1 in 19.4 overs (Pavandeep R. Bharadakane 72 n.o., Saurjyesh Das 68).

### Mustafa emerges first

Mohammed Mustafa continued his fine form, this time winning all three of his semifinal league matches in snooker to emerge first in the State-ranking junior tournament.

**The results: Semifinal league:** Mohammed Mustafa bt Mayank Karthik 3-1 (3-61, 71-31, 67-28, 62-31); Nitin S. Gowda bt Aarush Chowhan 3-2 (55-26, 16-67, 52-40, 5-55, 65-16); Mustafa bt Aarush Chowhan 3-0 (73(68)-1, 57-8, 73-27); Mayank bt Nitin 3-0 (64-23, 52-22, 64-19); Mayank bt Aarush 3-1 (66-24, 76-12, 58-66, 68-23); Mustafa bt Nitin 3-0 (68-38, 75-41, 52-13).

**Final standings:** 1. Mustafa; 2. Mayank; 3. Nitin; 4. Aarush.

### Young Orions, SWR take top honours

Young Orions SC and South Western Railway took top honours among men and women respectively in the State Association Cup basketball tournament, which concluded on Saturday.

**The results: Semifinal league: Men:** Bank of Baroda 90 (Aravind 36 Ashwij 11) bt Southern Blues 73 (Venkat 20, Akhil 15); Young Orions 68 (Shashank Rai 22 Suraj 12) bt DYES, Bengaluru 43 (Adarsh 17, Likith Bopanna 13).

**Women:** SWR 76 (Bhandvya 16 Shruthi 15) bt Beagles 74 (Sanjana Ramesh 36, Tavleen 14).

**Final placings:**

**Men:** 1. Young Orions, 2. Bank of Baroda, 3. DYES, Bangalore, 4. Southern Blues.

**Women:** 1. SWR, 2. Beagles, 3. Mounts Club, 4. Rajamahal.

Wood. REUTERS

# Wood likely to miss second Ashes Test

**Reuters**
BRISBANE

England pacer Mark Wood is likely to miss the second Ashes Test against Australia due to a sore left knee, media reports said on Saturday.

Wood, who was out for nine months when he underwent surgery for an injury on the same knee, played his first Test since August 2024 in the opener in Perth, bowling 11 overs across both innings and taking no wickets as England suffered a swift eight-wicket loss.

He told *Fox Cricket* during the first Test that he would definitely not play all five matches.

"I think it just depends. I think just review it after every game," Wood said.

The second Test, a pink-ball affair, begins here on Thursday.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**SMAT:** JioHotstar, 9, 11 a.m. 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
**India vs South Africa**: 1st ODI, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 1.30 p.m.
**Serie A:** DAZN. 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
**Premier League:** SS Select 2 & JioHotstar, 5.30, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
**LaLiga:** FanCode, 6.30, 8.45. 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
**F1:** Qatar GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 9.30 p.m.

# Inspire wins the Kempegowda Cup

**RACING**

BENGALURU: Arjun Mangalorkar-trained Inspire (Antony up), won the Kempegowda Cup (1,500m), the main event of the races held here on Saturday (Nov. 29).
The winner is owned by M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. Rajan Aggarwal, M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP, rep. by Mr. Rajendran.
**THE RESULTS:**
**1. NOVEMBER PLATE** (1,200m): ROCKING STAR (L.A. Rozario) 1, Politesse (Darshan) 2, Celestria (Akshay K.) 3 and Jade Mountain (Vinod Shinde) 4. 1-1/2, Snk and Shd. 1m 13.57s. Rs. 22 (w), 16, 13 and 24 (p), SHP: 41, THP: 79, FP: 134, Q: 87, Trinella: 1,369/880, Exacta: 2,244/565. Favourite: Rocking Star.
Owners: Mr. V. Shankar & Dr. C.N. Devayya. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.
**2. MUTHYALAMADUVU PLATE** (1,600m): HYPERDRIVE (Pavan) 1, Stella Maris (Arvind K.) 2, Acantha (Darshan) 3 and Mandate (Antony) 4. 2-3/4, 2-1/4 and 1-3/4. 1m 38.16s. Rs. 39 (w), 13, 13 and 15 (p), SHP: 31, THP: 43, FP: 569, Q: 196, Trinella: 1,259/655, Exacta: 2,944/1262. Favourite: Agrador.
Owners: Mr. D. Shailesh Shivaswamy, Dr. Dayananda Pai. Mr. K. Ravi & Mr. Sudarshan M Raju. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.
**3. V. VENUGOPAL NAIDU MEMORIAL TROPHY** (1,100m): ROYAL DECCAN (Antony) 1, Thessalian (Vinod Shinde) 2, Mutual Trust (Sai Kiran) 3 and Gloriousness (Darshan) 4. 1-1/2, Shd and 1. 1m 06.48s. Rs. 96 (w), 24, 18 and 14 (p), SHP: 59, THP: 32, FP: 1,301, Q: 903, Trinella: 3,951/1,693, Exacta: 54,627. Favourite: Goddess Of War.
Owners: Mr. Arjun Mangalorkar, M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran & Mr. Vivek N. Rao. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.
**4. KEMPEGOWDA CUP** (1,500m): INSPIRE (Antony) 1, Efficacy (Shreyas S) 2, Lux Aeterna (Darshan) 3 and Victoria Doresaani (L.A. Rozario) 4. Lnk, 5-1/4 and 2. 1m 30.17s (record time). Rs. 16 (w), 12, 14 and 13 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 37, FP: 35, Q: 28, Trinella: 48/41, Exacta: 137/80. Favourite: Inspire.
Owners: M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP, Mr. Haider Soomar, Mr. Rajan Aggarwal, M/s. Rapar Galloping Stars LLP rep. by Mr. Rajendran. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.
**5. CHINTAMANI PLATE** (1,300m): DOUBLE VISION (Arshad) 1, Dufy (S. Sachin) 2, Dynamic Force (Vinod Shince) 3 and D Fronx (Asirvatham) 4. Shd, 3/4 and 1-3/4. 1m 19.39s. Rs. 228 (w), 39, 72 and 21 (p), SHP: 207, THP: 46, FP: 8,307, Q: 4,737, Trinella: 34,001/14,572, Exacta: 52,943 (carried over), Favourite: Invincible.
Owner: Mr. A. Muniraja. Trainer: S. Shoban Babu.
**6. NAGARJUNA SAGAR PLATE** (1,400m): THRILL OF BRAZIL (Jagadeesh) 1, Feeling Good (Vinod Shinde) 2, Elveden (Aleemuddin) 3 and Mega Success (Shreyas S) 4. 5-3/4, 2 and 1-3/4. 1m 26.30s. Rs. 23 (w), 11, 19 and 22 (p), SHP: 66, THP: 52, FP: 174, Q: 180, Trinella: 1,151/557, Exacta: 27,026/15,443.
Favourite: Thrill Of Brazil. Owners: Mr. A.K. Jaiswal & Mr. A.P. Shajid. Trainer: Md. Sajid Qureshi.
Jackpot: Rs. 2,97,117 (carried over).
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